
il dolore

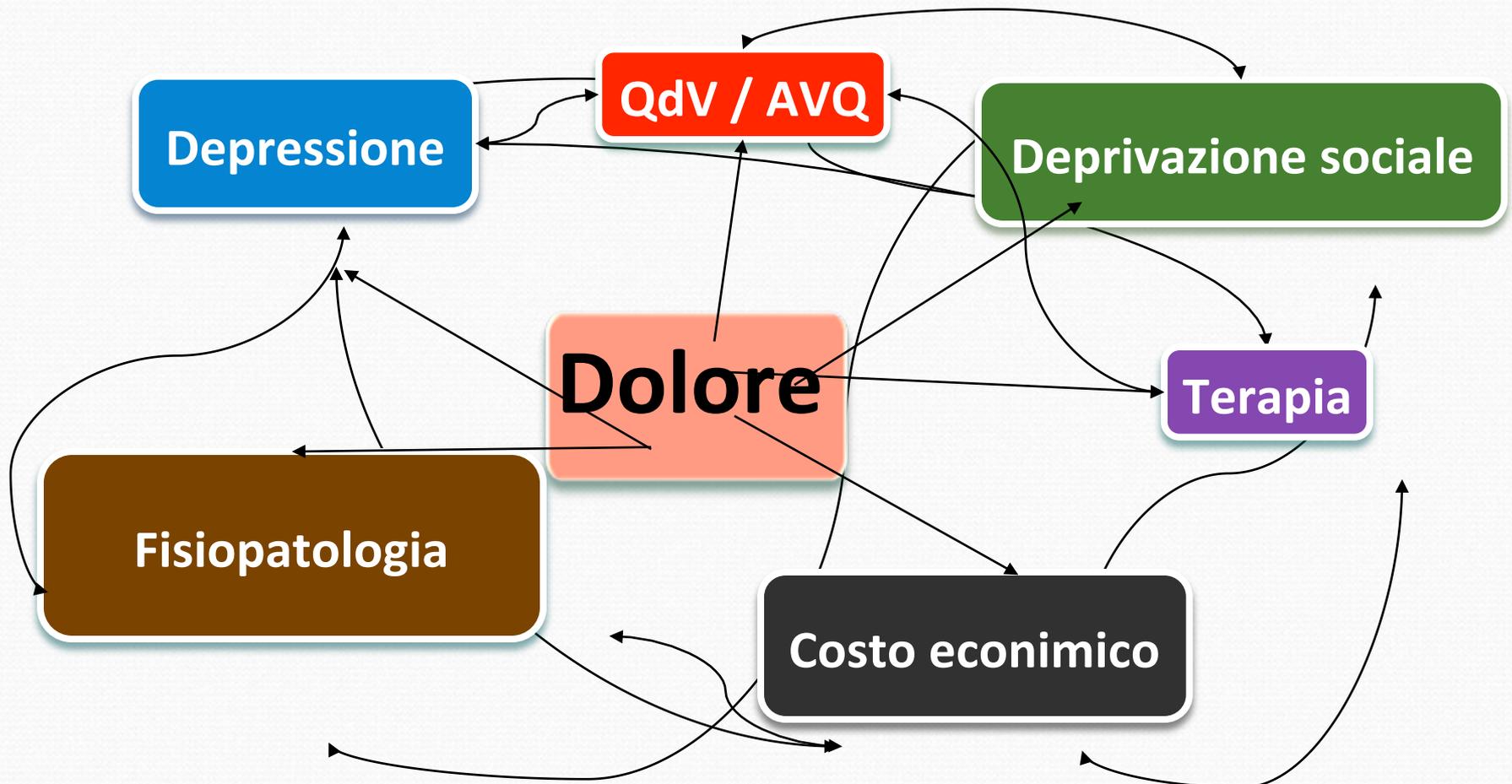


Stefano Coaccioli

da: Dolore come condizione ...



a: Dolore come Malattia



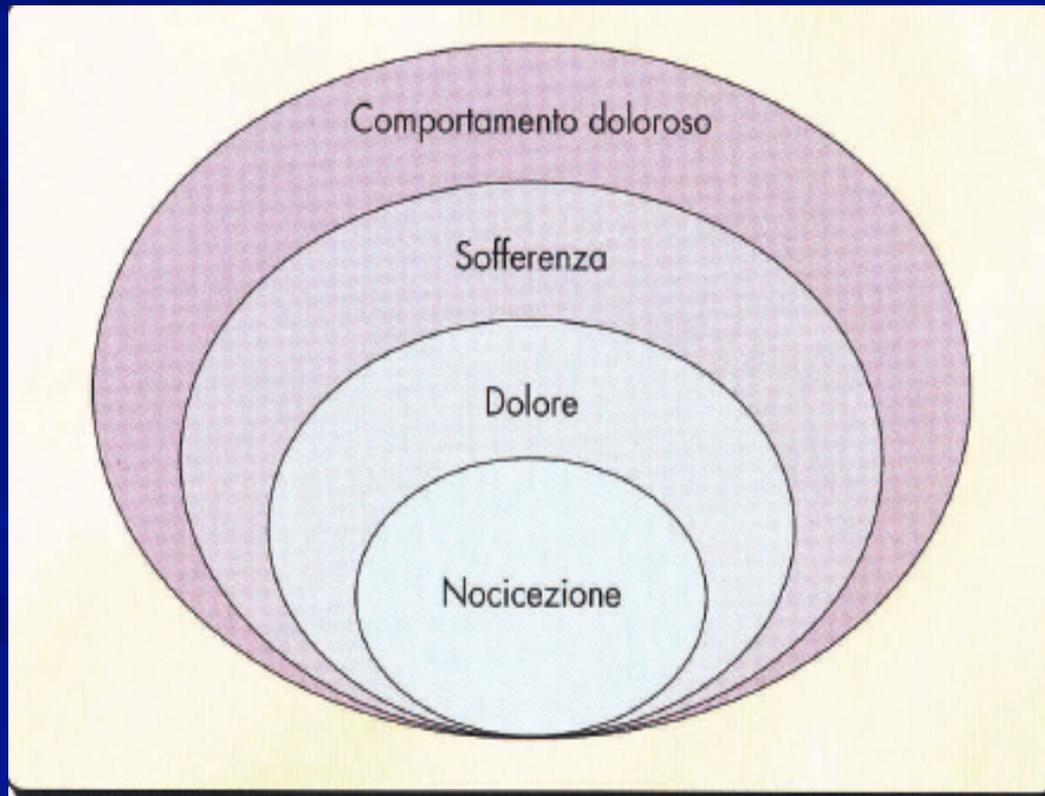
DOLORE

ESPERIENZA PLURIDIMENSIONALE

"Esperienza sensoriale ed emozionale spiacevole, associata a danno tissutale potenziale o effettivo o descritta in termini di tale danno"

IASP

DOLORE



" Il dolore è ciò che il
paziente dice che esso sia ed
esiste ogni qualvolta egli ne
afferma l'esistenza"

Sternbeck 1974

LE DIMENSIONI DEL DOLORE

NOCICEZIONE

I recettori per il dolore vengono attivati da un danno e trasmettono l'impulso alle strutture centrali.



DIMENSIONI DEL DOLORE

DOLORE

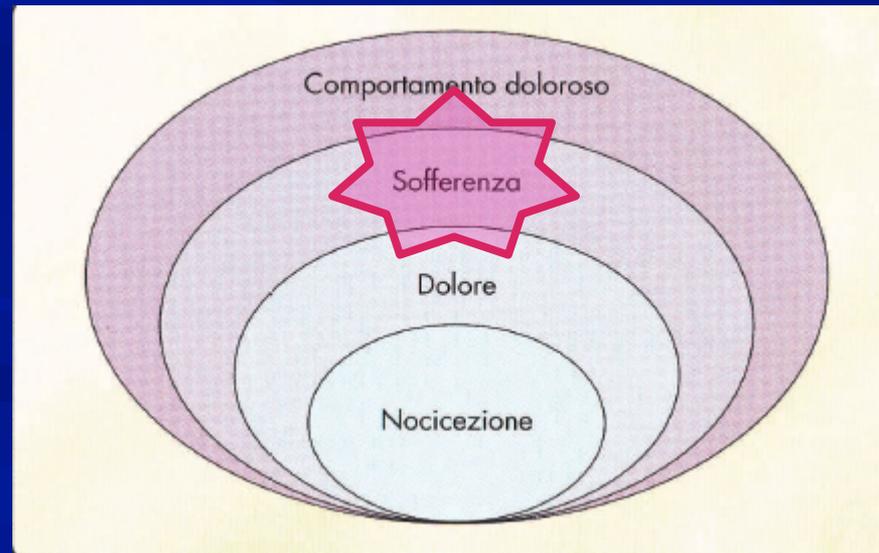
Rappresenta il risultato dell'elaborazione di un segnale trasmesso al Sistema Nervoso Centrale



DIMENSIONI DEL DOLORE

SOFFERENZA

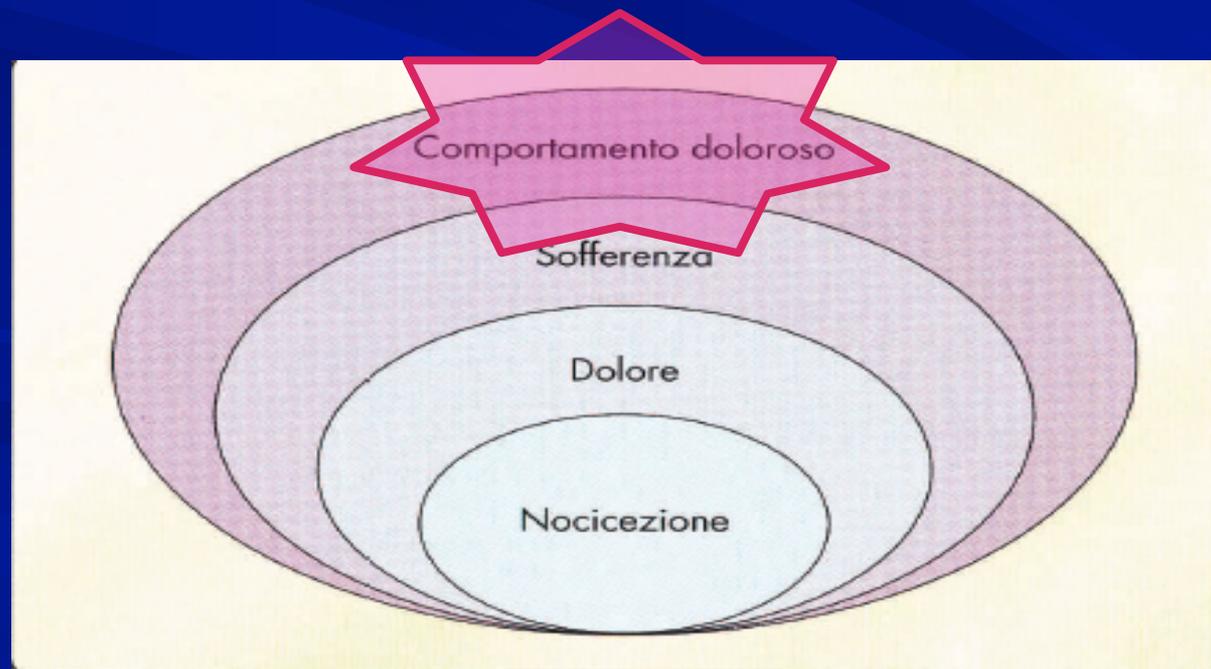
Rappresenta la risposta affettiva al dolore, è generata da processi corticali più elevati e conferisce al dolore stesso la sua **tonalità** spiacevole, aggressiva, penosa, difficilmente sopportabile



DIMENSIONI DEL DOLORE

COMPORAMENTO DOLOROSO

Dall'influenza del dolore sulla sfera cognitiva derivano un insieme di manifestazioni verbali e non verbali osservate nella persona che soffre



FISIOLOGICO

Dolore Acuto “buono”:

- Causato da lesione, danno esterno o interno
- Transitorio e adattativo
- Allerta prevenzione e protezione dal danno



Dolore Cronico “cattivo”:

- Non sempre riferibile ad un evento causale
- Non transitorio e mal adattativo
- No caratteristiche difensive

PATOLOGICO



Dolore acuto

Dolore associato a danno tissutale che ha avuto insorgenza recente ed una probabile durata limitata; possiede una relazione causale e temporale identificabile con un danno od una patologia

*Ready and Edwards. Management of acute of acute pain: a pratical guide 1992.
Taskforce on acute pain. Seattle: IASP Publication*

DOLORE CRONICO

*..persistente oltre il periodo di
guarigione del danno e
frequentemente senza una causa
d'origine chiara ed identificabile*

Merskey H. Bogduk N. Classification of chronic pain. Descriptions of chronic pain syndromes and definitions of pain terms. 1994 Second edition Seattle: IASP Press.

Dolore

NOCICETTIVO
(fisiologico) - senza
lesione tissutale

INFIAMMATORIO

Somatico

Viscerale



NEUROPATICO

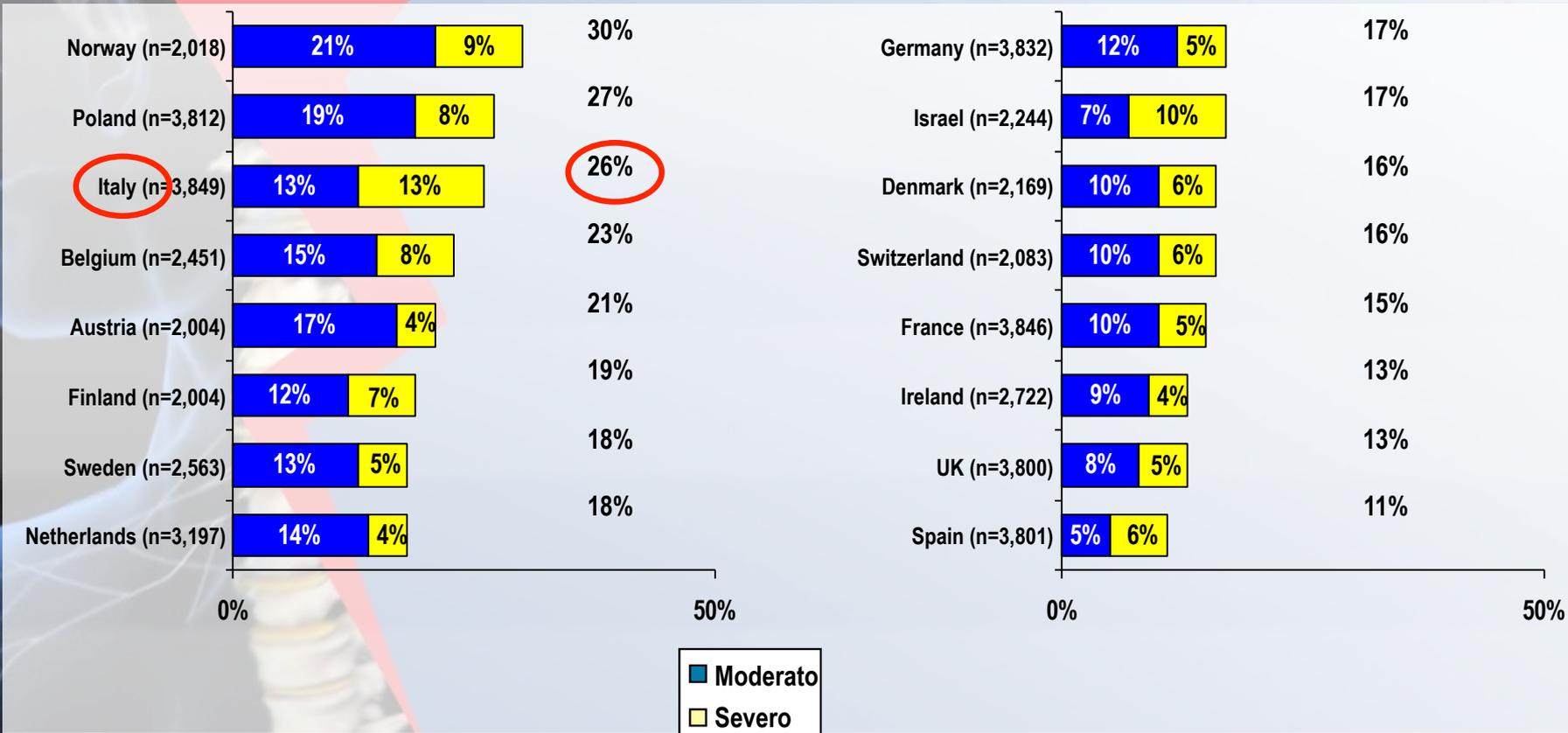
Periferico

Centrale

DISFUNZIONALE
(cefalee, fibromialgia
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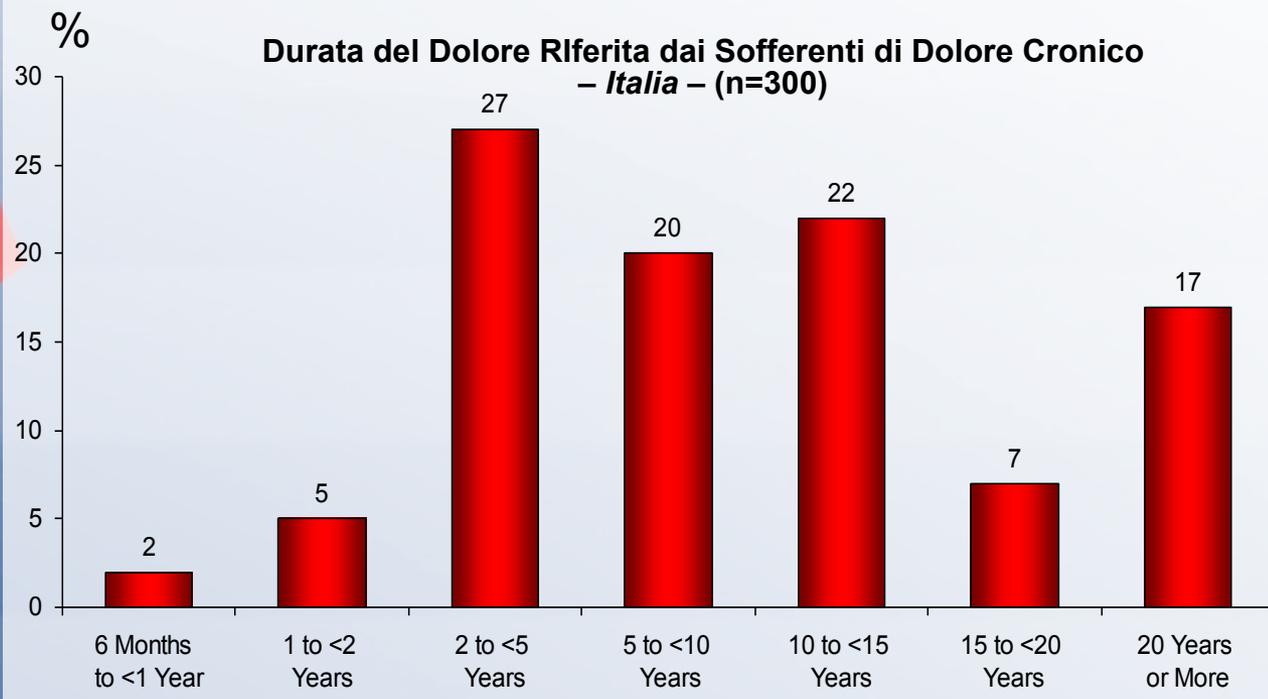
Prevalenza del Dolore Cronico per Paese – Basata sull'esame completo dei dati –

Prevalenza Generale: **19%**
(n=46,394)
Moderato **13%** Severo **6%**

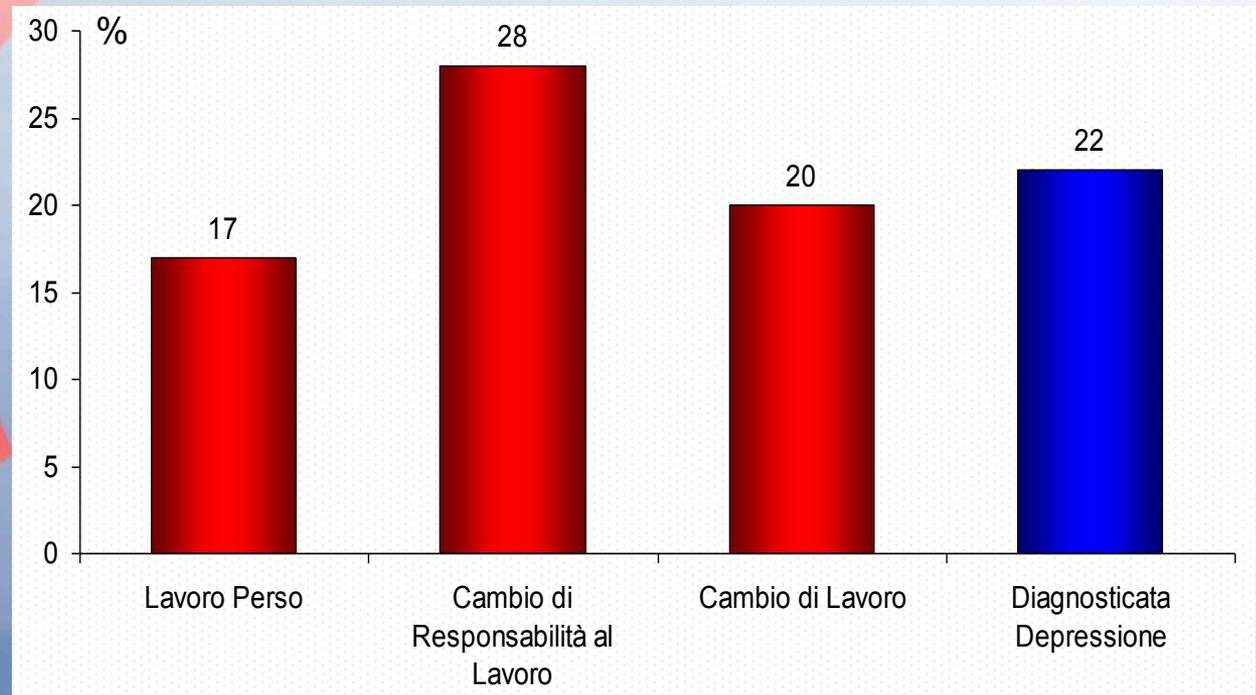


Pazienti Costretti a Vivere con il Dolore

- In media, I sofferenti sono vissuti con il dolore cronico per 7,7 anni
- Quasi un quinto è vissuto con il dolore per oltre 20 anni



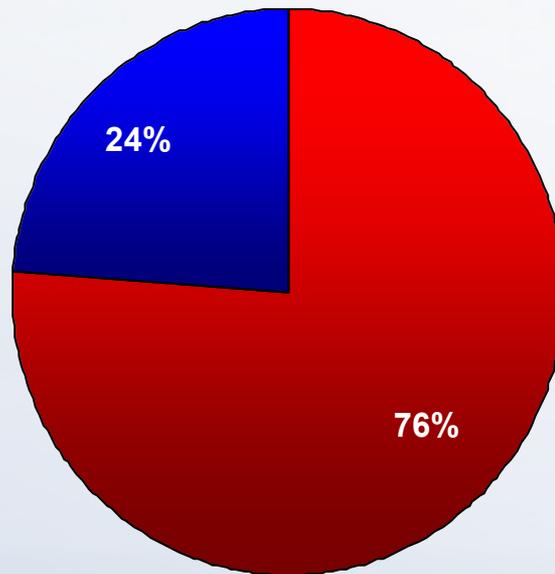
Il Dolore Cronico Può Devastare le Vite



Source: Q6a. Have any of the following ever happened as a result of your pain...? (Read list) Q6b. Have you ever been diagnosed with depression by a medical doctor as a result of your pain?

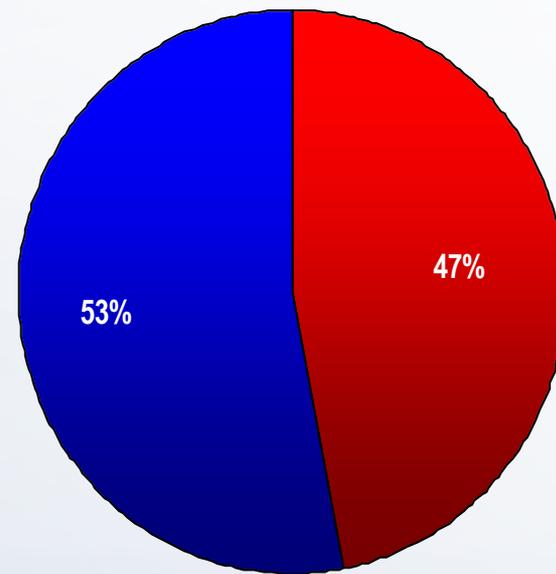
Come i Pazienti Valutano il Trattamento

Dolore da movimento
– Italia – (n=294)



■ Dolore da Movimento
■ Senza Dolore da Movimento

Adeguatezza del Trattamento
– Italia – (n=96)



■ Analgesia Inadeguata
■ Analgesia adeguata

il dolore come un “puzzle”

Interessante similitudine che evidenzia come il dolore sia un fenomeno complesso, in cui vari elementi concorrono alla sua determinazione e alle diverse modalità della sua presentazione.



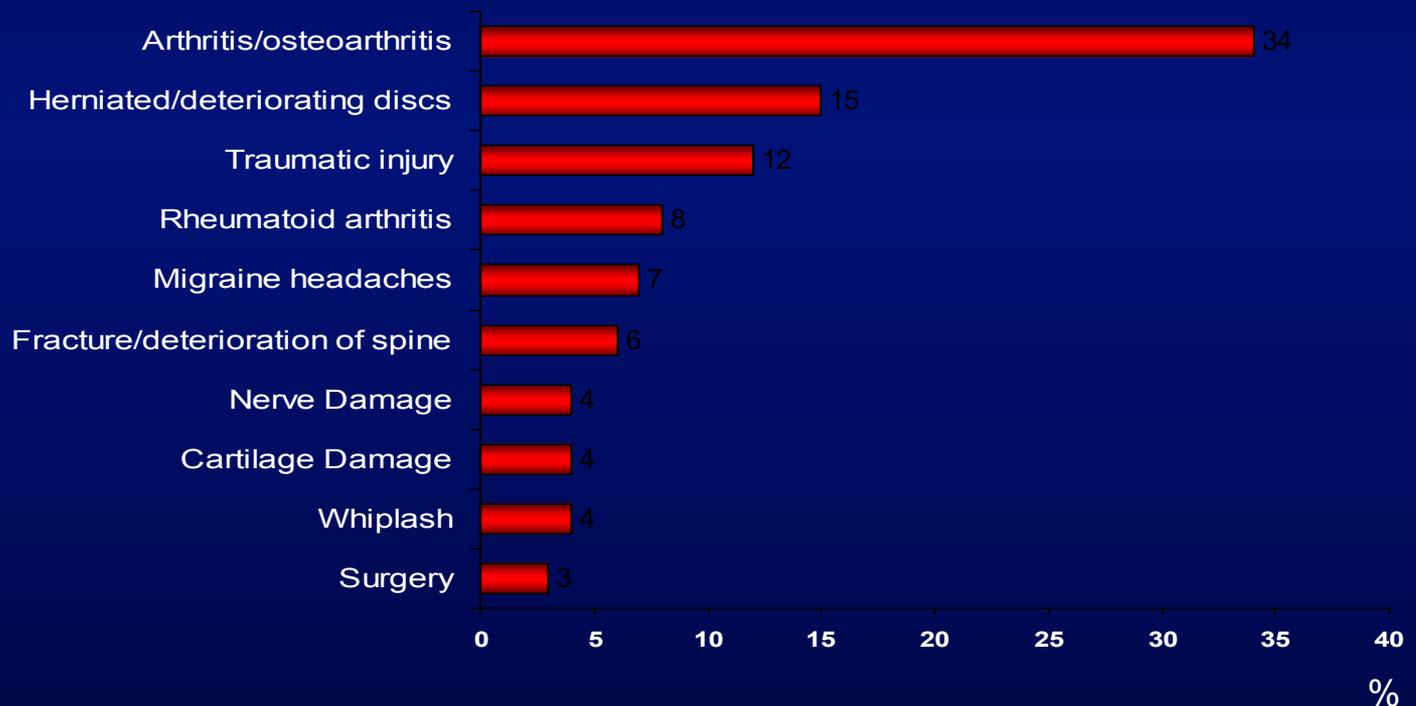
Tipi di dolore

- nocicettivo
- infiammatorio
- neuropatico
- dis-funzionale



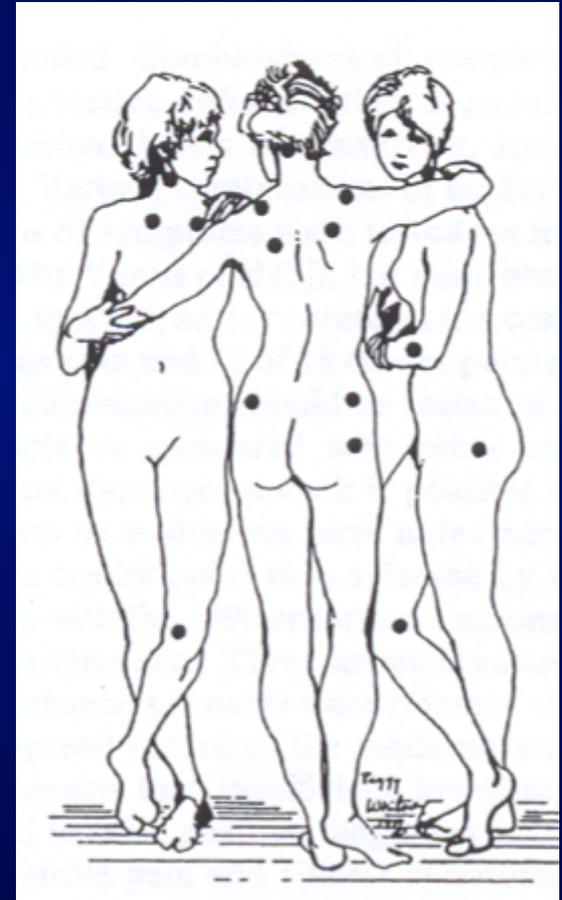
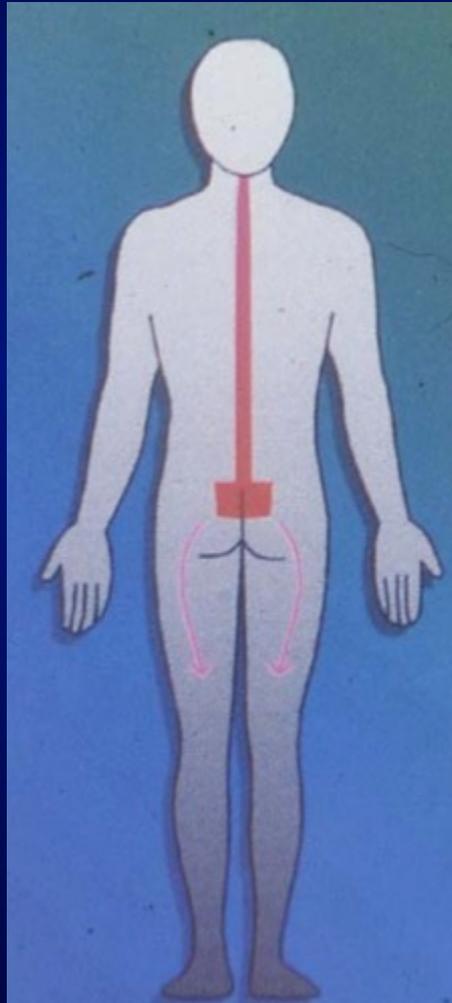
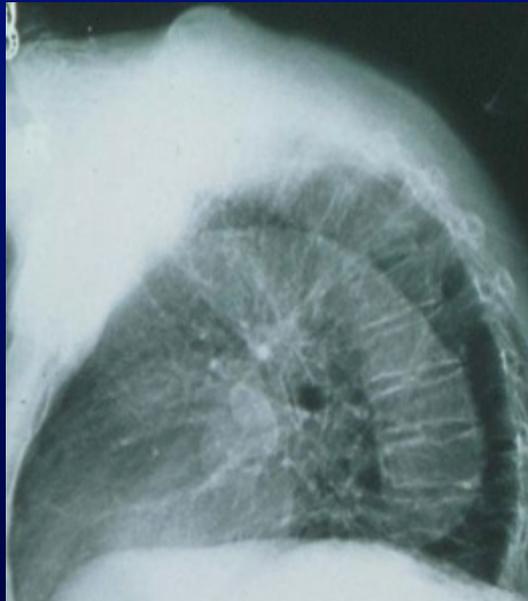
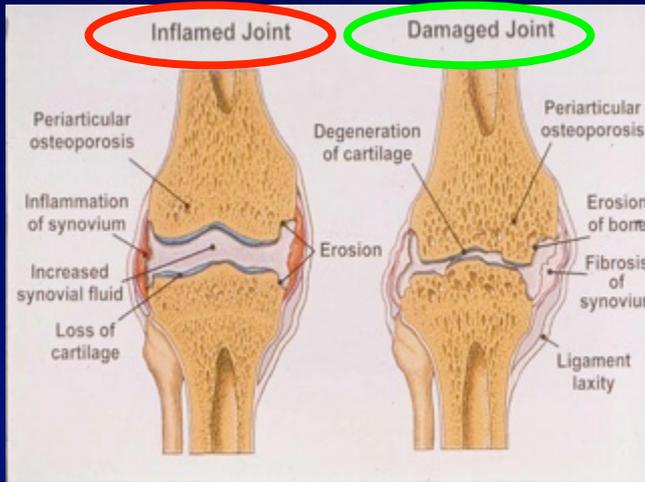
Principali cause di dolore cronico (Pain Europe Survey, 2006)

Malattie reumatologiche: 53 %

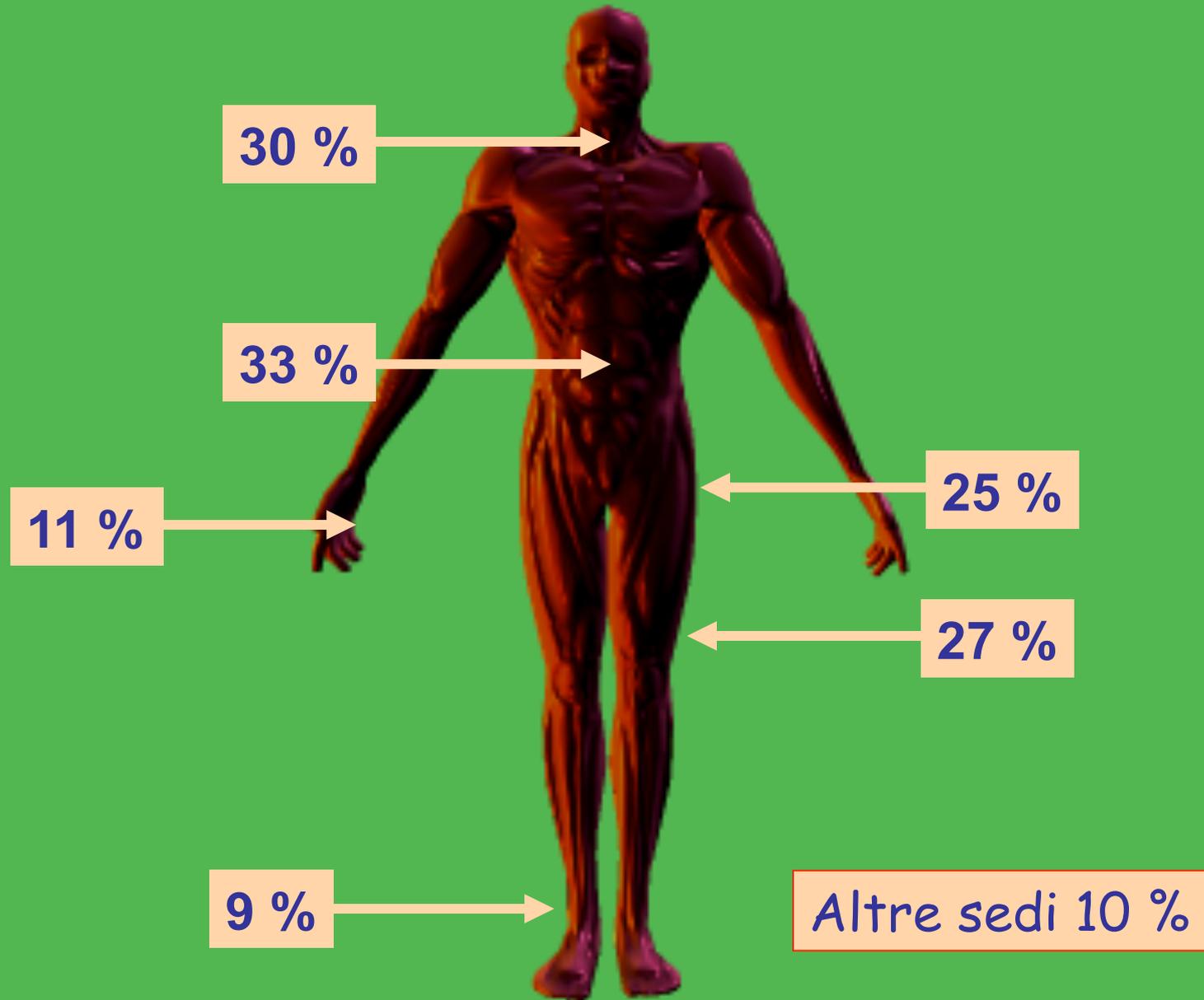


Malattie Reumatiche Croniche:

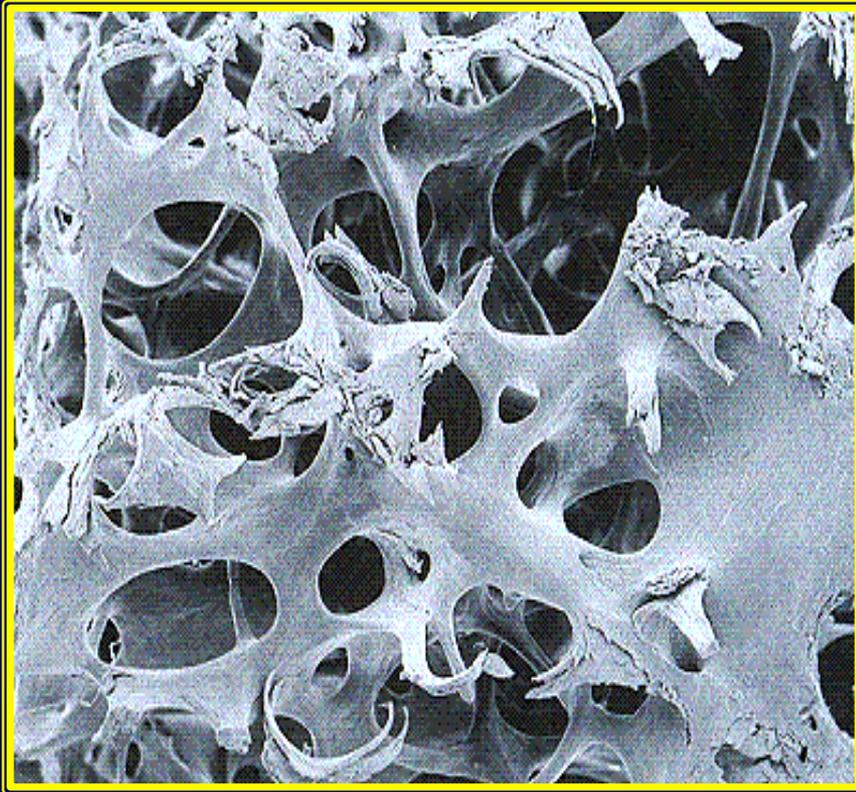
degenerative e infiammatorie – funzionali e strutturali



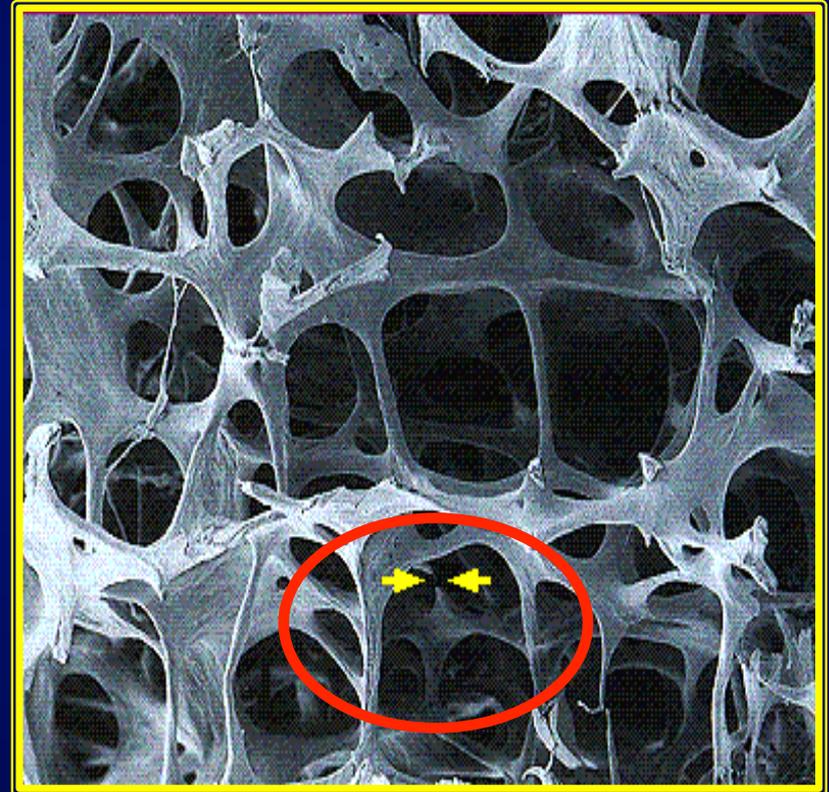
OA: frequenza delle localizzazioni



Osteoporosi: non solo BMD



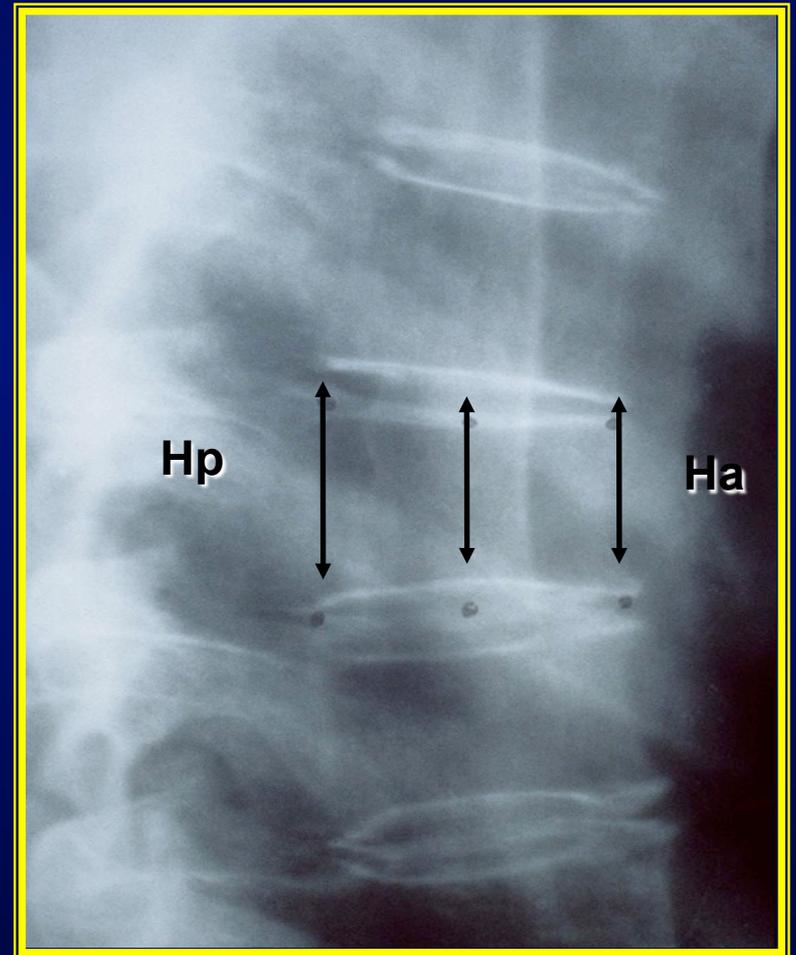
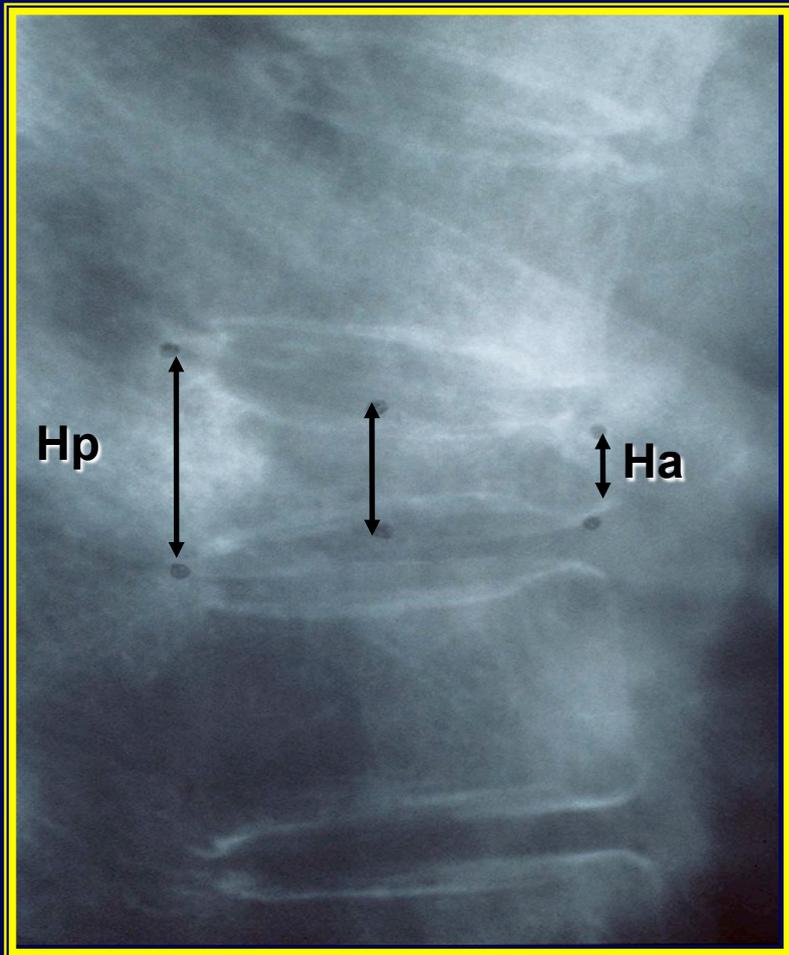
Normale



Osteoporosi

1. Consensus Development Conference, JAMA 2001;285:785-95
2. Dempster DW et al., JBMR 1986;1:15-21

All'esame Rx non sempre le Fx vertebrali sono di facile individuazione



Artrite Reumatoide come Malattia Sistemica



... ma precoce impegno d'organo

- **Rene:** *amiloidosi, NTA, IRC*
- **Polmone:** *IP, fibrosi*
- **Cuore:** *peri-mio-endo-carditi*
- **Midollo osseo:** *anemie, γ .patie*
- **Vasi:** *vasculiti, crioglobulinemia*
- **Ossso:** *OP, necrosi avascolari*
- **Fegato:** *epatite autoimmune*
- **Occhio, Cute/Derma, ecc.**

non solo malattia articolare ...



Fibromialgia – ACR, 1990





Low Back Pain - Lombalgia

- LBP rappresenta uno dei sintomi più frequenti, secondo solo al comune raffreddore.
- La “sorgente anatomica” del LBP meccanico può non essere facilmente identificata.
- Il dolore di tipo infiammatorio è caratterizzato da rigidità al mattino, riduzione durante le ore diurne, ricomparsa nel tardo pomeriggio (dolore bimodale).



Conseguenze di un dolore non rilevato e non trattato



- **Cuore e CV:** \uparrow rischio infarto
- **Respiratorio:** \uparrow rischio polmoniti
- **GI:** \downarrow motilità – anoressia, perdita di peso
- **Muscoloscheletrico:** \downarrow performance mioarticolari
- **Personali:** inabilità per AVQ/QdV, depressione





Valutazione clinica del Dolore

CARATTERISTICHE

- Qualitative
- Quantitative
- Temporali



QUALITÀ DI VITA

Propria personale esperienza,
connessa alla percezione di:

- Stato funzionale
- Livello di autonomia
- Benessere psicosociale
- Stato di salute
- Sintomi della malattia
- Effetti del trattamento

Legge 38 / 15.3.2010 – *il Paziente*

Art. 2 *Definizioni*

+ Cure Palliative +

L'insieme degli **interventi** [...] rivolti sia **alla persona malata sia al suo nucleo familiare**, [in presenza di una] malattia di base, caratterizzata da un'inarrestabile evoluzione e da una **prognosi infausta**, non risponde più a trattamenti specifici.

+ Terapia del Dolore +

L'insieme degli **interventi** [per] applicare [...] appropriate terapie [...] allo scopo di elaborare idonei **percorsi diagnostico-terapeutici per la soppressione e il controllo del dolore**.

+ Persona Malata +

[...] Affetta da una **patologia ad andamento cronico ed evolutivo** [...], nonché la persona affetta da una **patologia dolorosa cronica da moderata a severa**;

+ +



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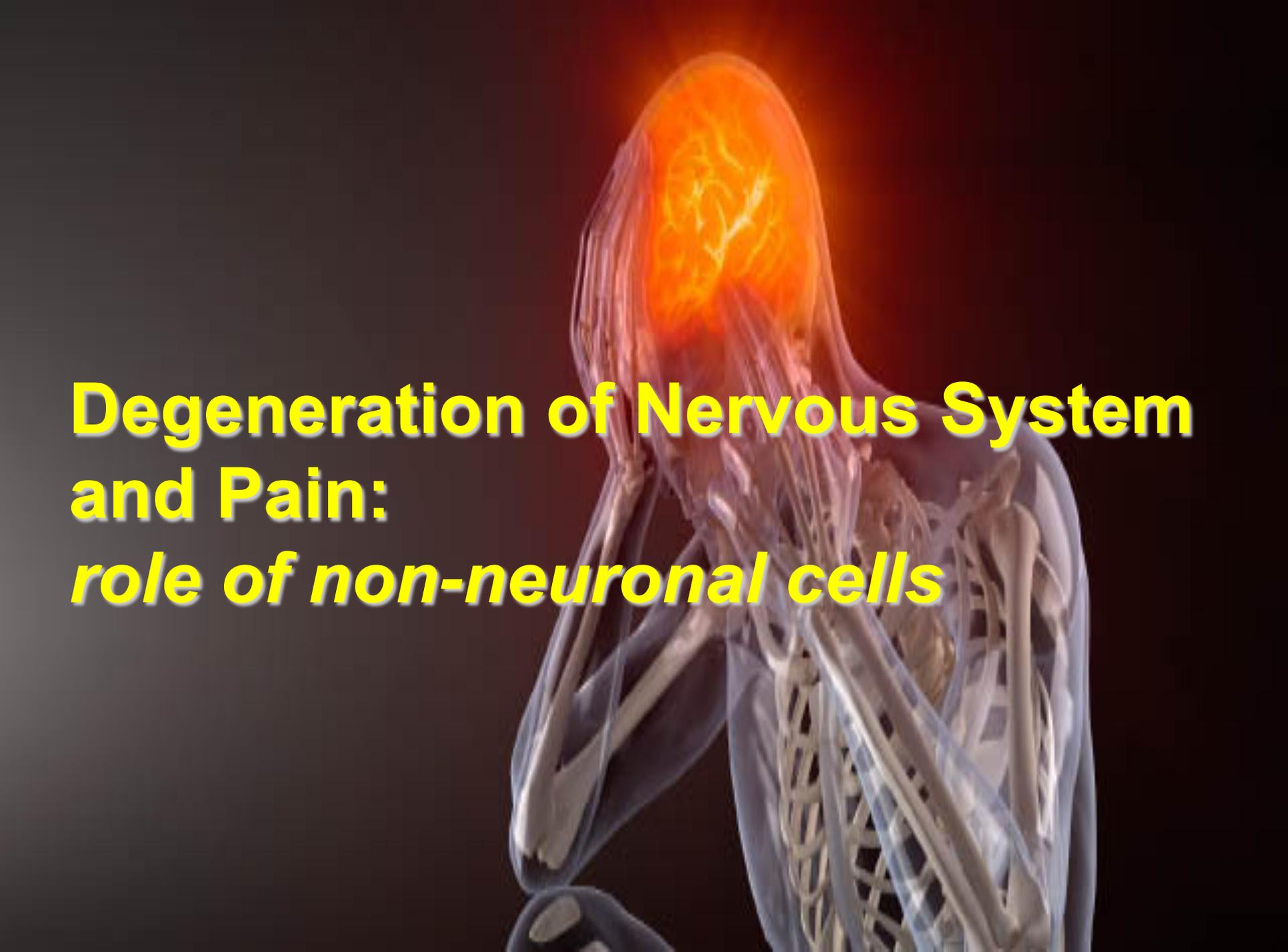


Il dolore come parametro vitale: +
Rilevazione costante in cartella clinica
e report delle decisioni terapeutiche +



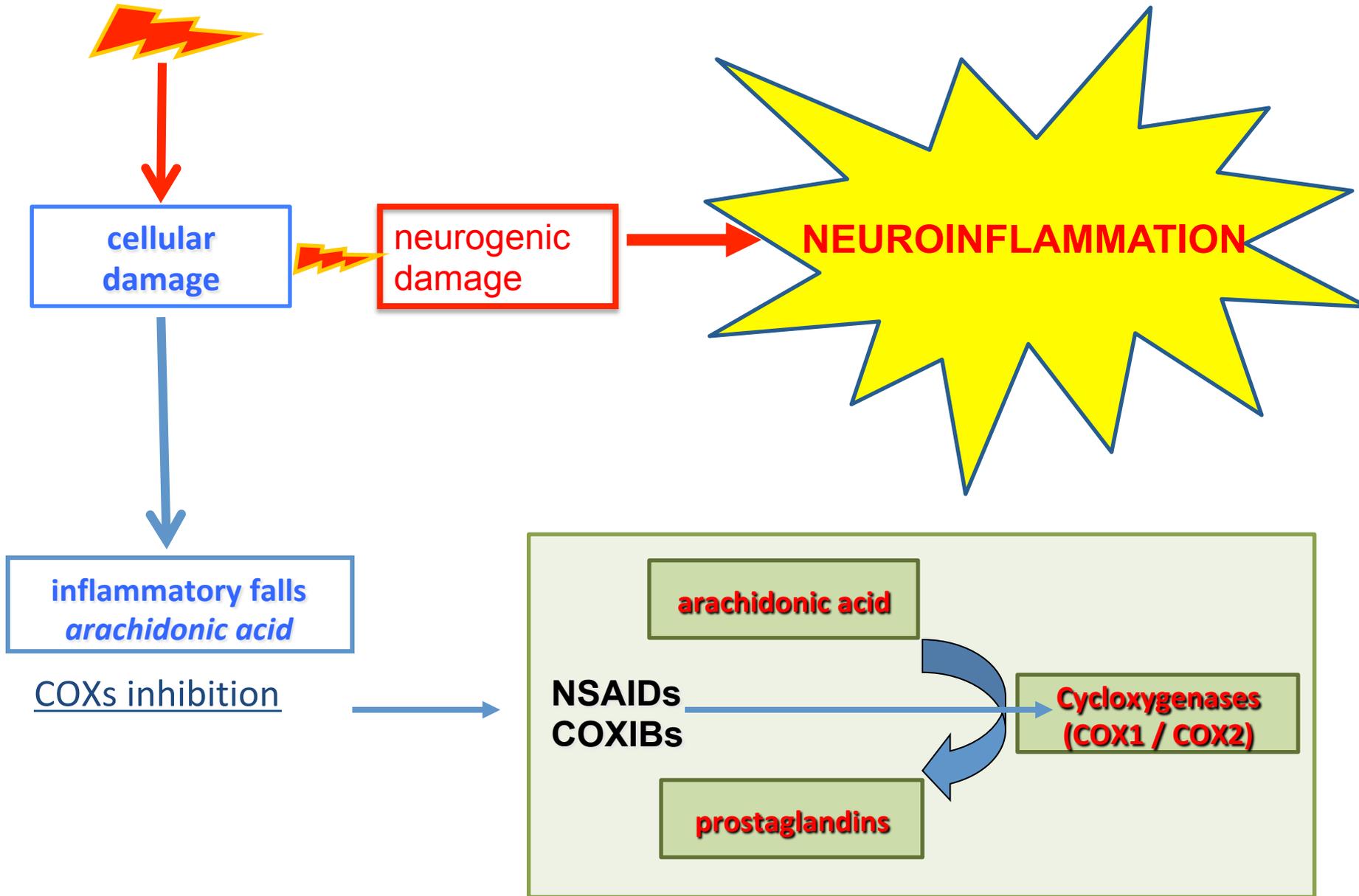
Ethics Code for Pain

Coaccioli S., et al. European Journal of Pain, 2012

A 3D anatomical model of a human torso, showing the skeletal structure and internal organs. The brain is highlighted with a bright orange and yellow glow, indicating its central role in the nervous system. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**Degeneration of Nervous System
and Pain:
*role of non-neuronal cells***

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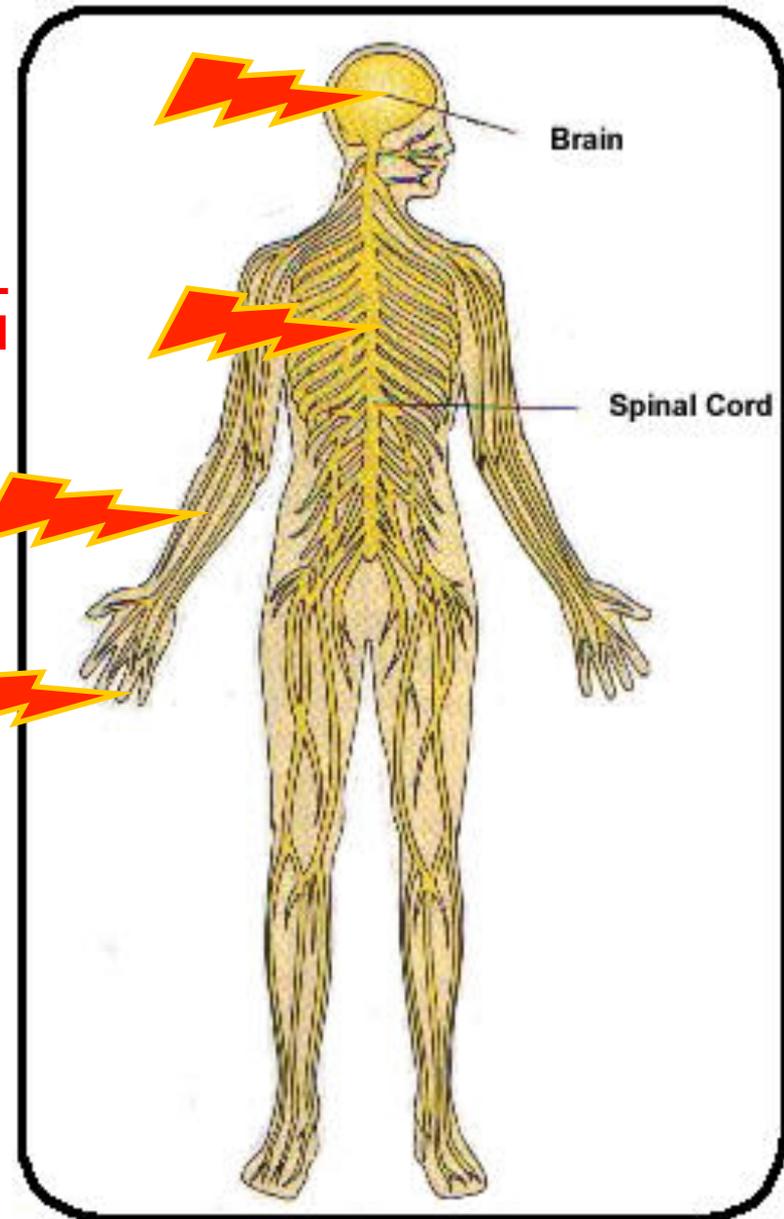


**SUPER-SPINAL
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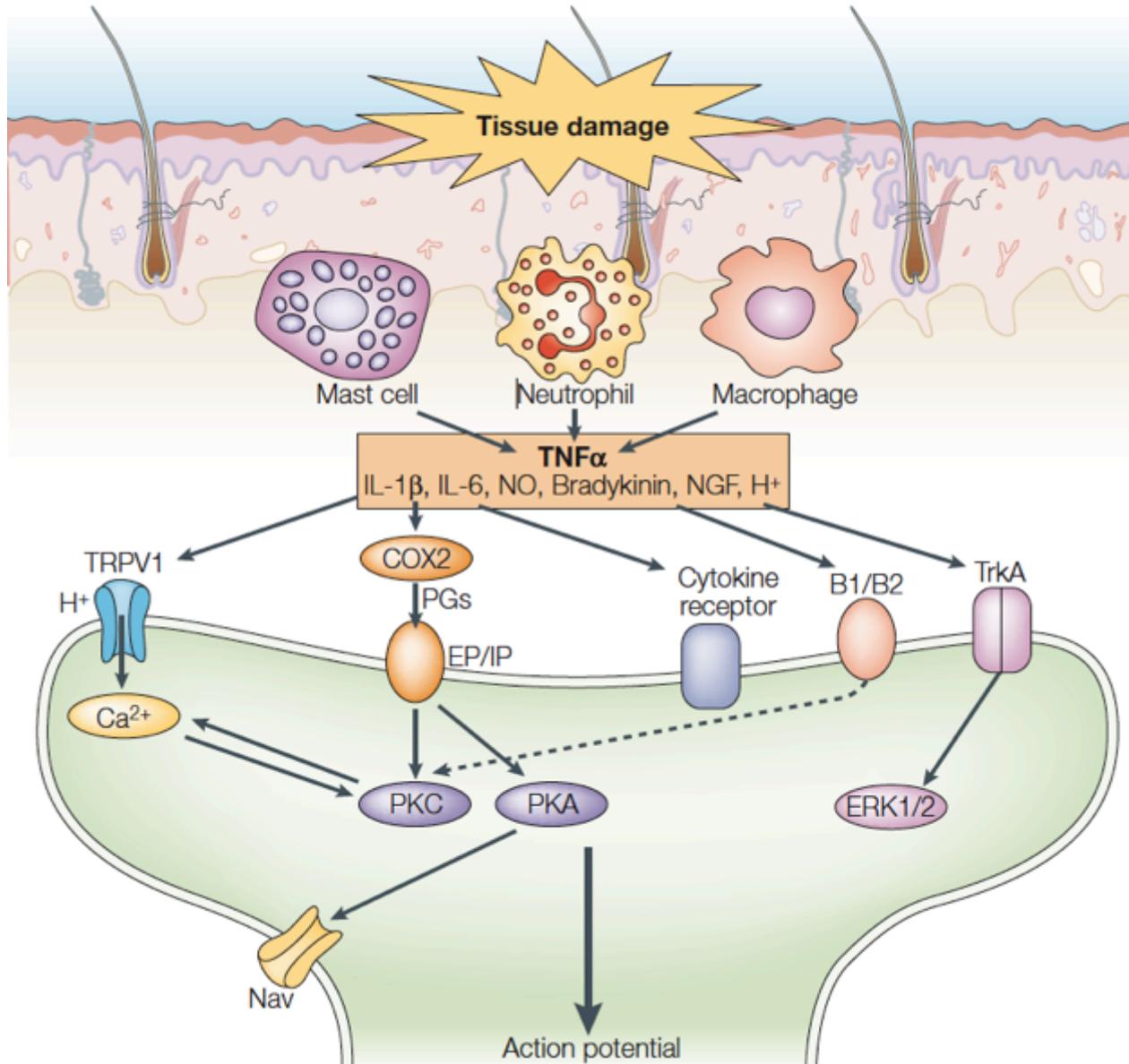
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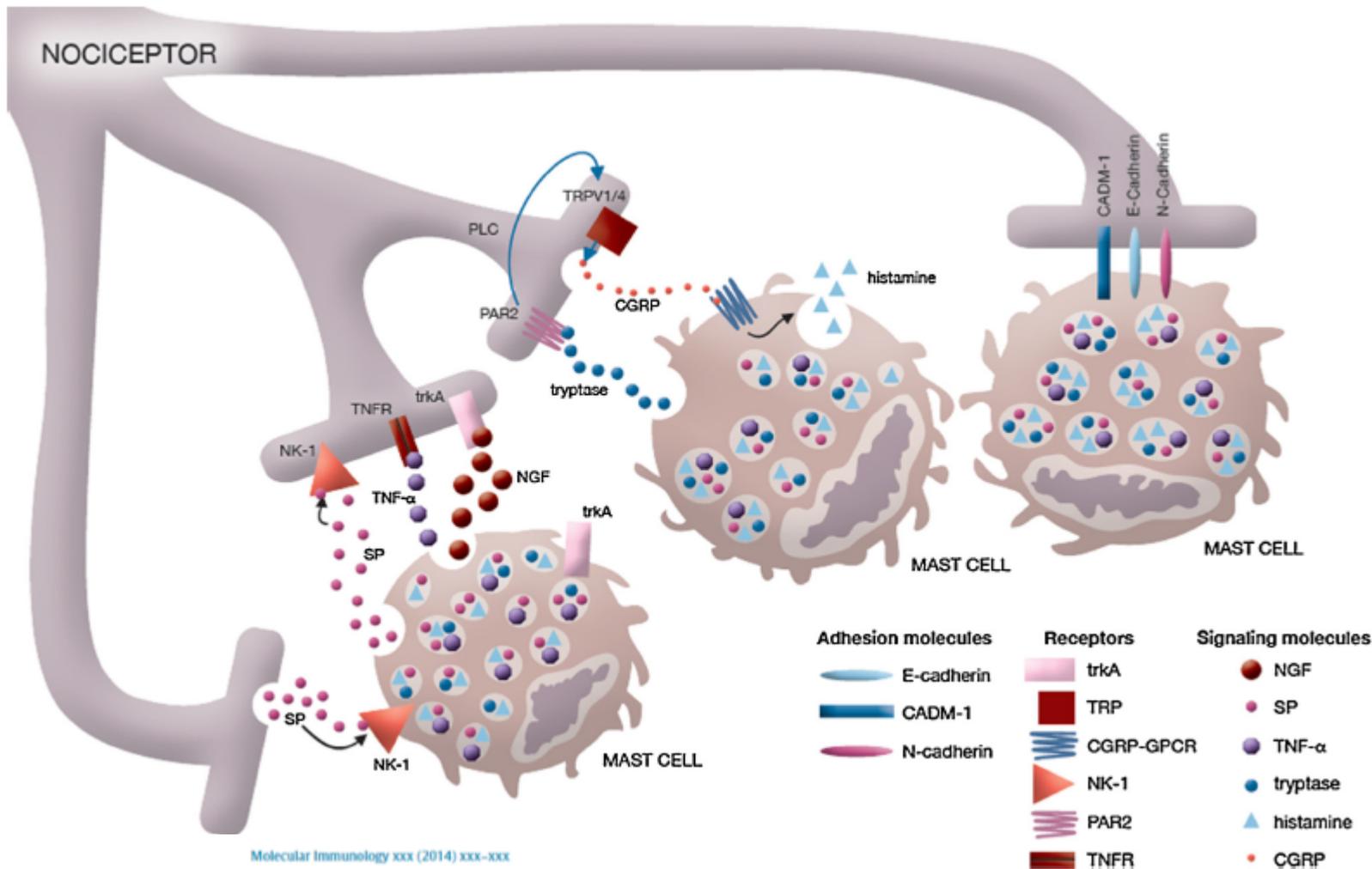
**TISSUE
NEUROGENIC
INFLAMMATION**



“The term *neuroinflammation*, in its broadest sense, of course encompasses any inflammatory processes, whether acute or chronic, involving the nervous system.”

TISSUE NEURONAL DAMAGE



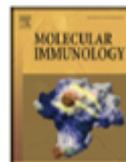


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Review

Mast cells: Versatile gatekeepers of pain[☆]

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Mast cells produce a plethora of mediators, which include:

- biogenic amines (**histamine, serotonin**),
- cytokines [**interleukin (IL-1 to IL-6, leukemia inhibitory factor, tumor necrosis factor (TNF), interferon-**, transforming growth factor-, granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor],
- enzymes (acid hydrolyzes, chymase, phospholipases, rat mast-cell protease I and II, trypase),
- lipid metabolites (**prostaglandins, leukotrienes, platelet-activating factor**),
- **ATP**,
- neuropeptides(**vasoactive intestinal peptide**),
- growth factors, e.g., nerve growth factor (**NGF**), **nitric oxide**, and **heparin**.

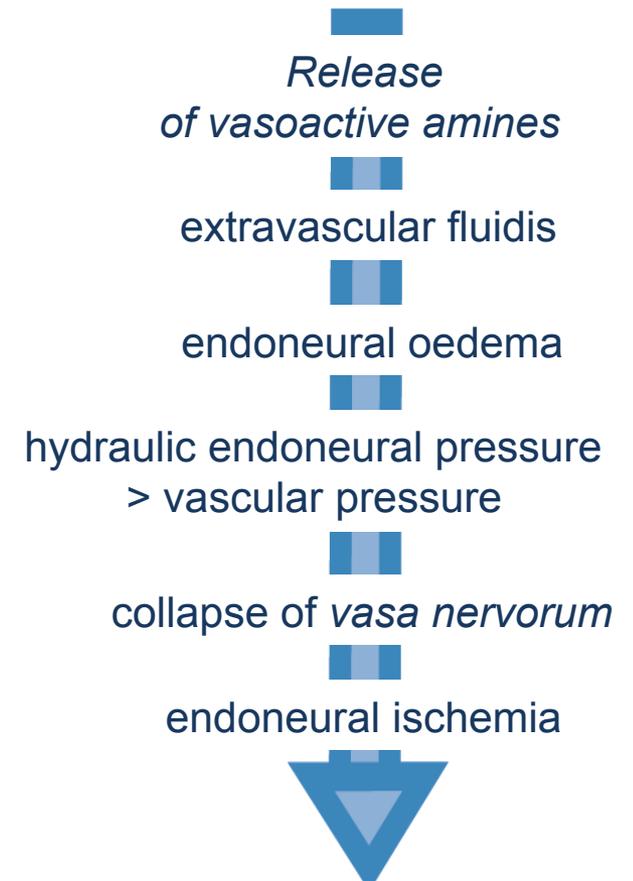
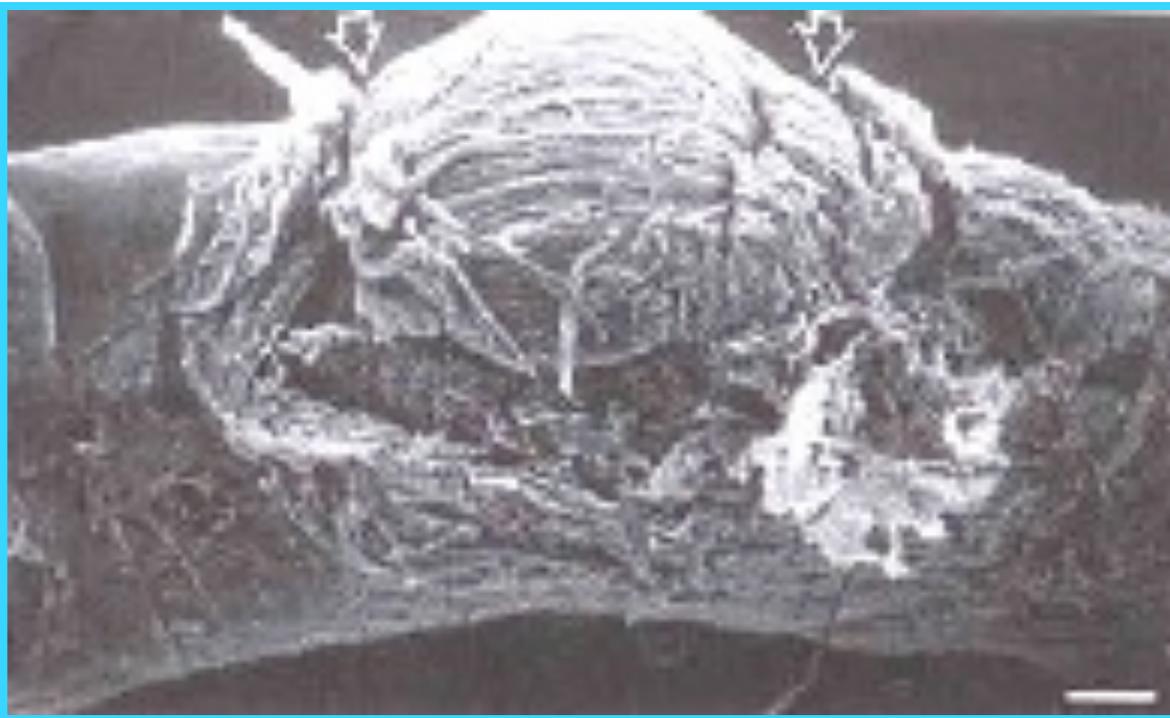
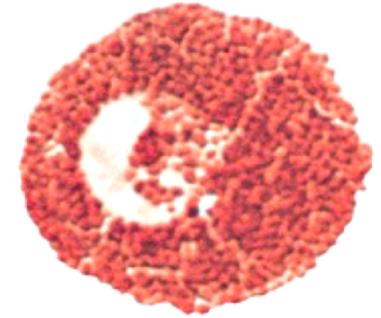
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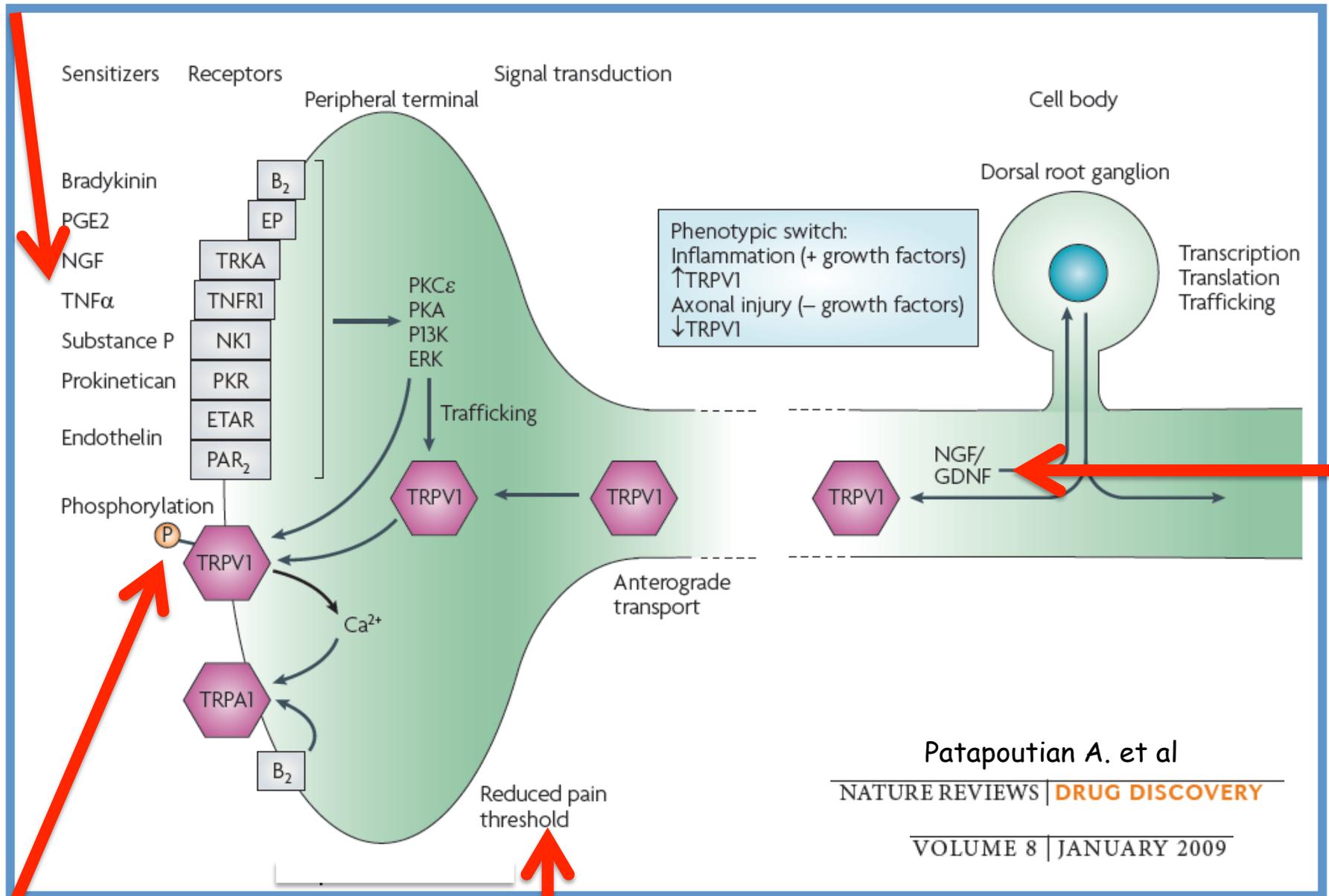
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Endoneural Oedema



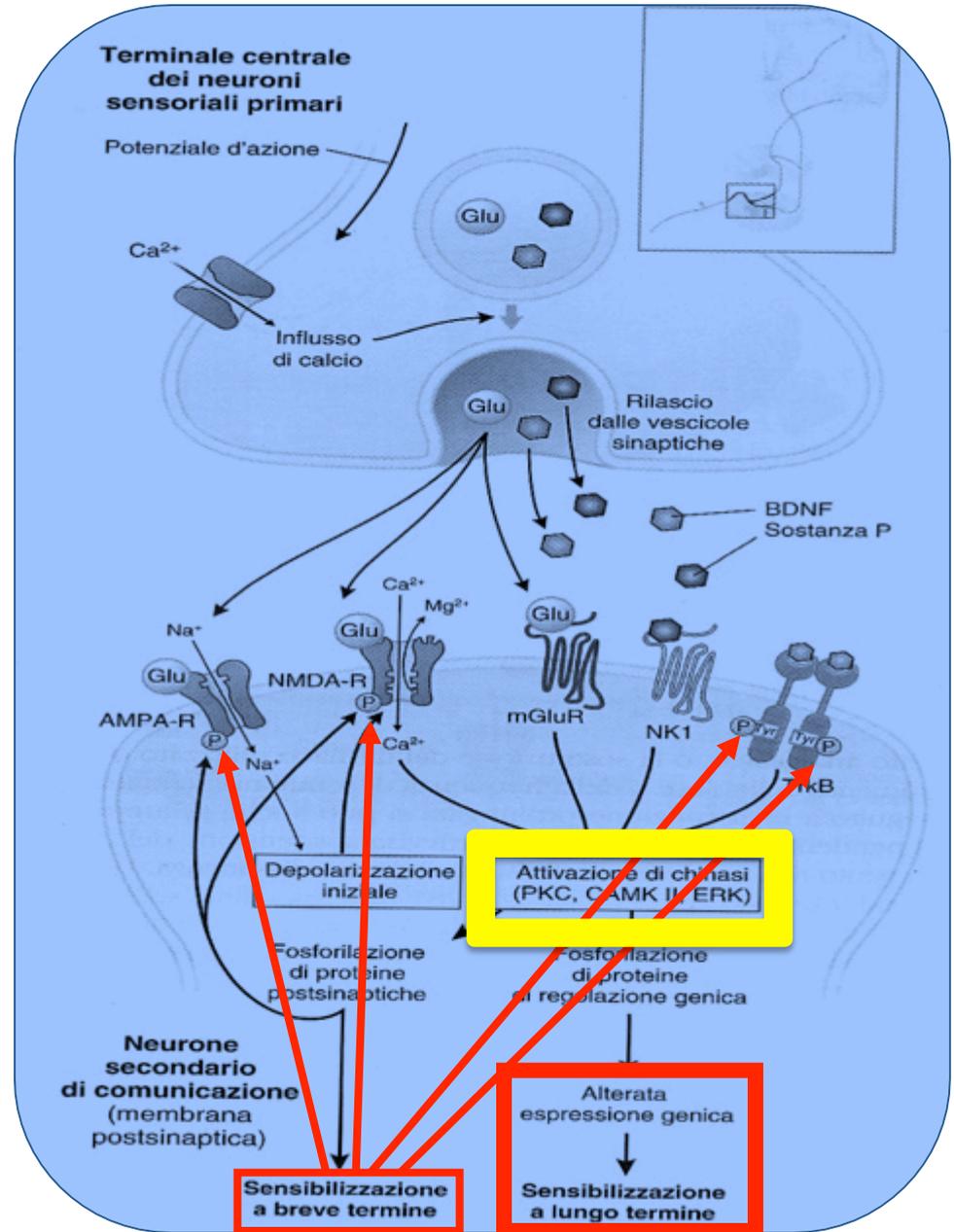
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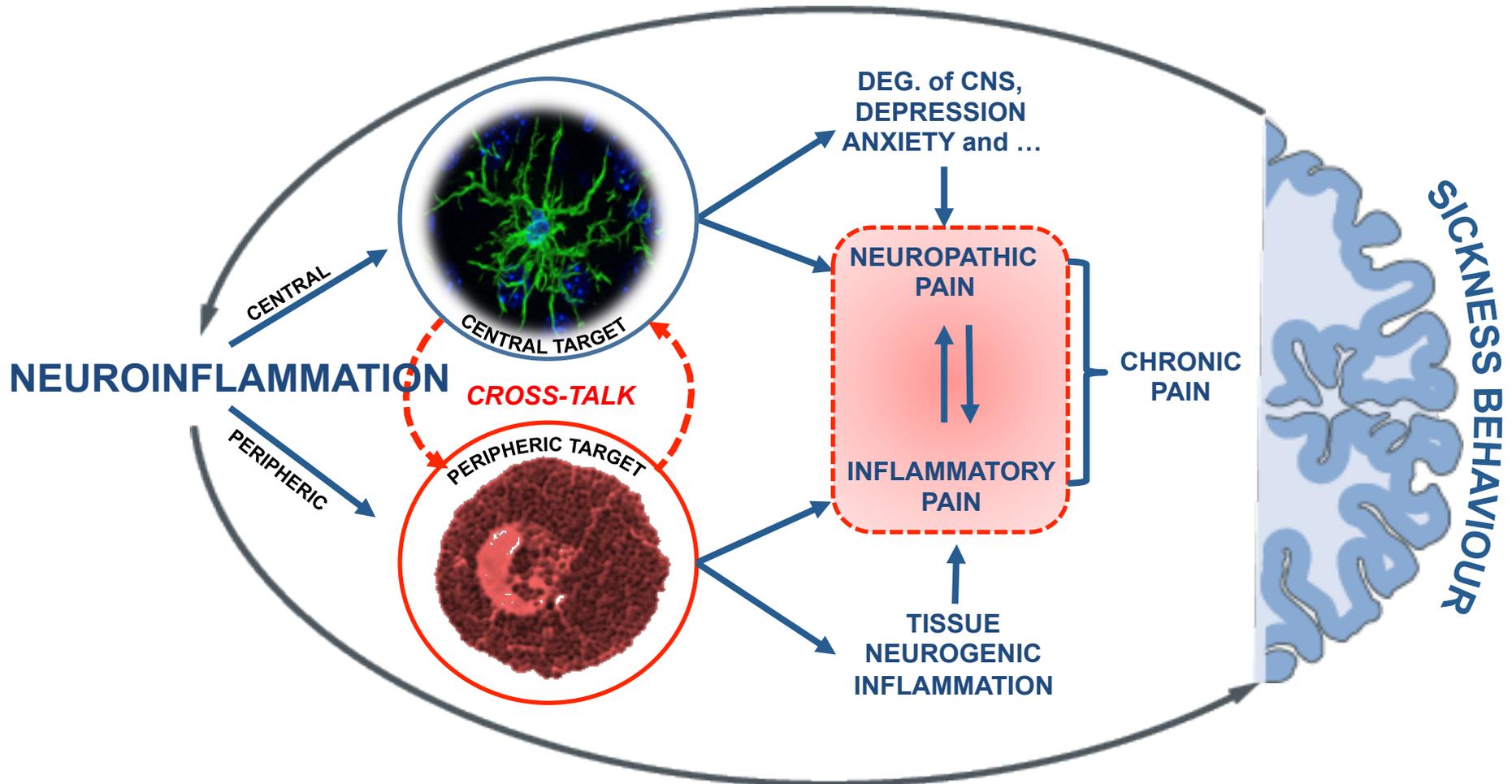
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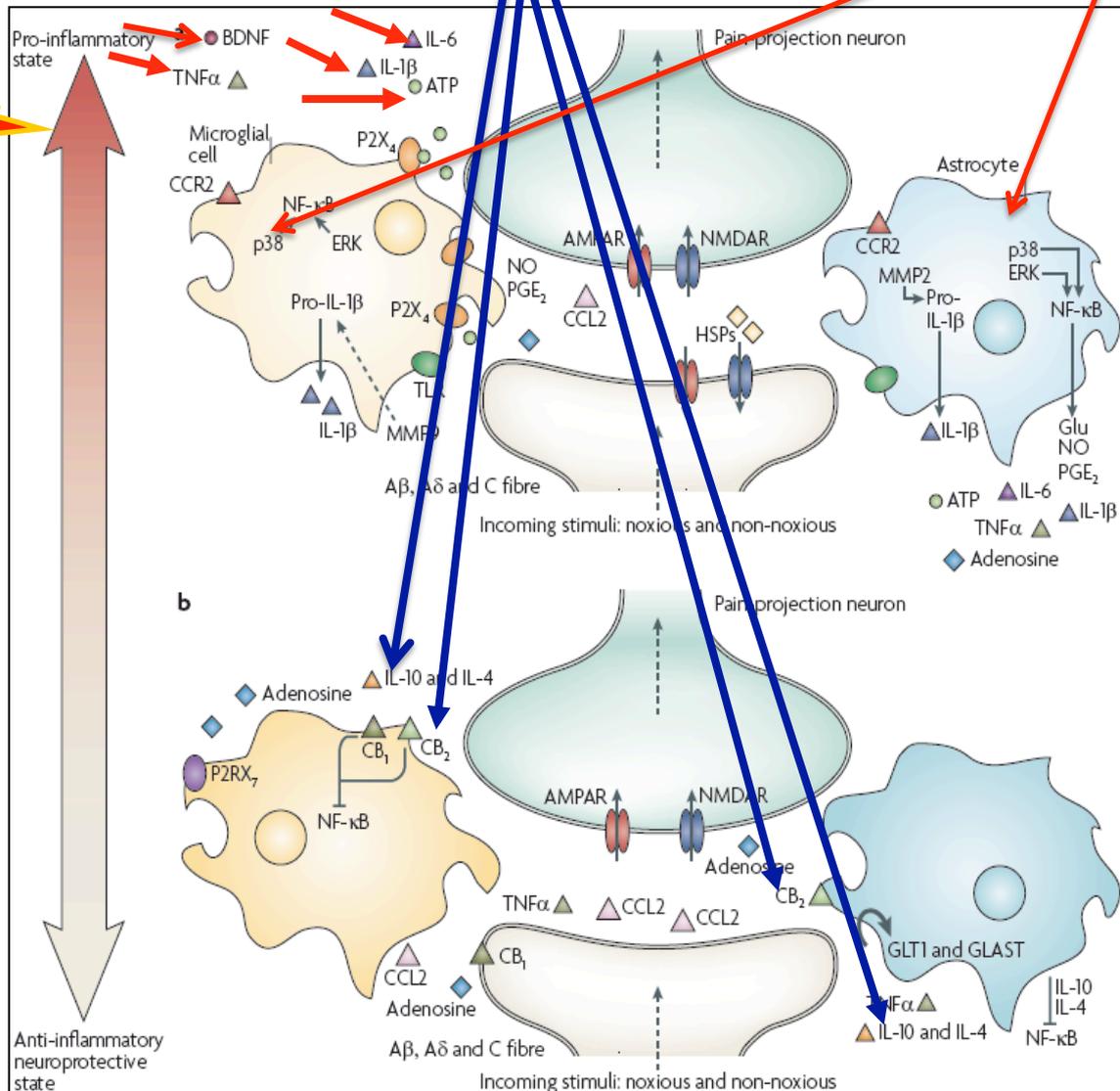
Central sensitization mechanisms



Not only Pain, but: Disease behaviour



Glia activation: from **pro-inflammatory status** to anti-inflammatory state (neuroprotective)



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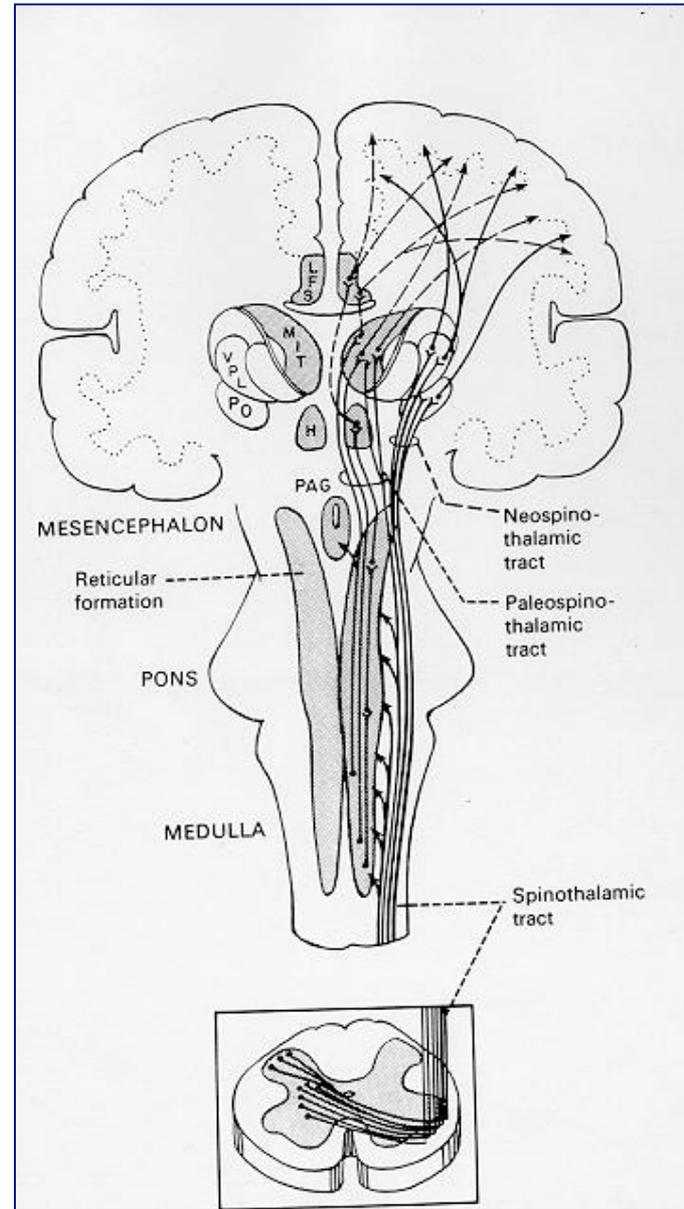
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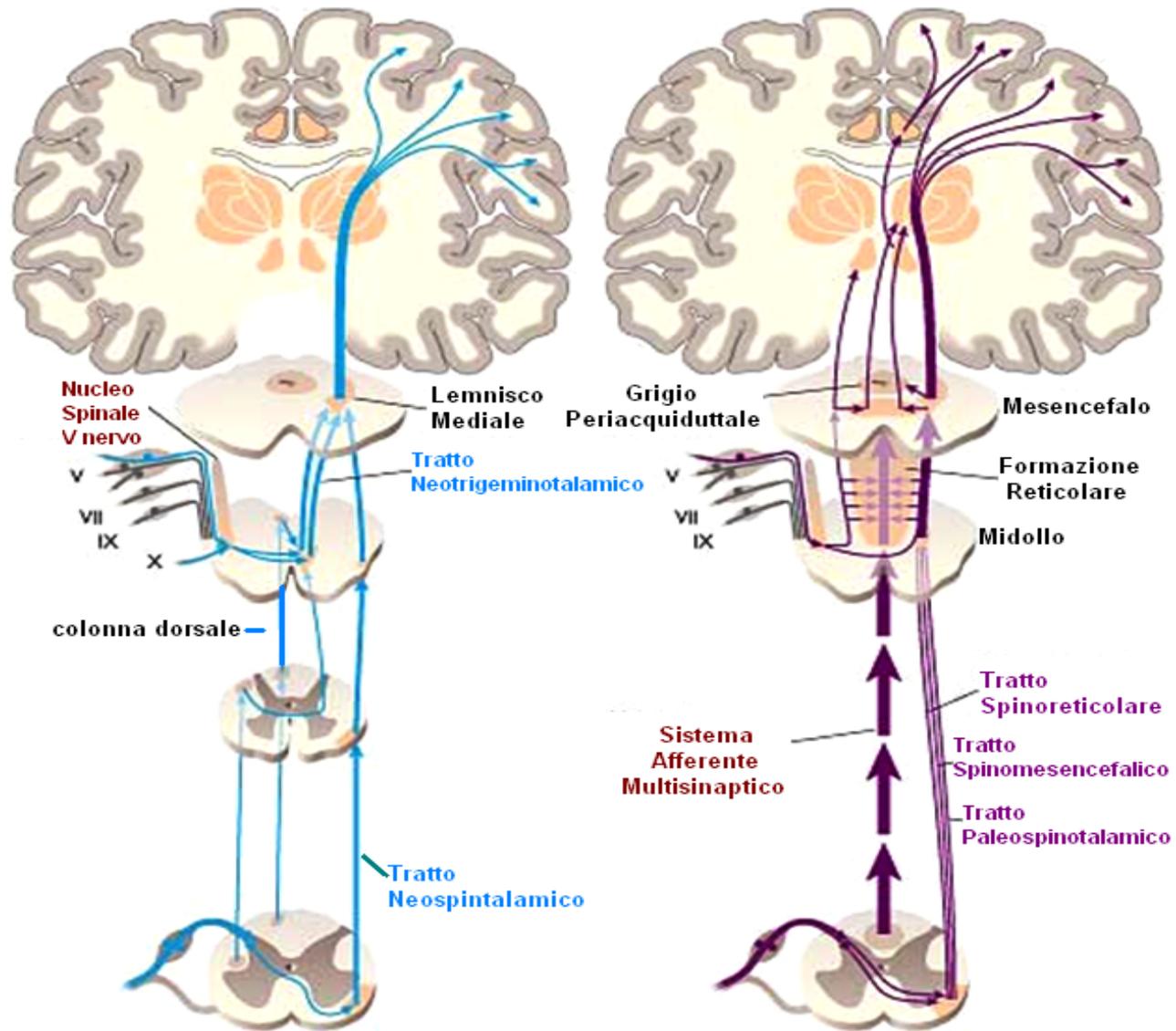
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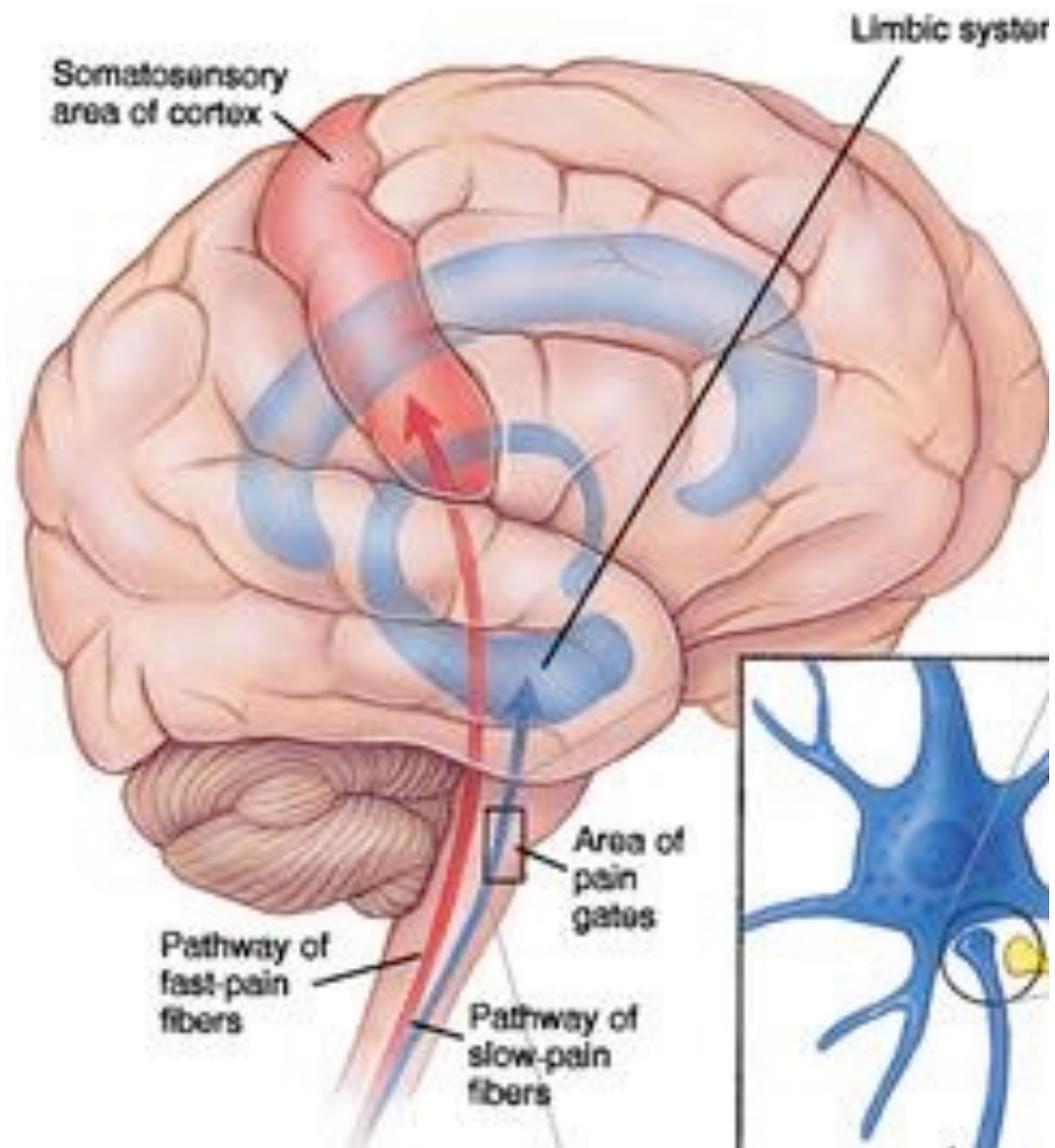
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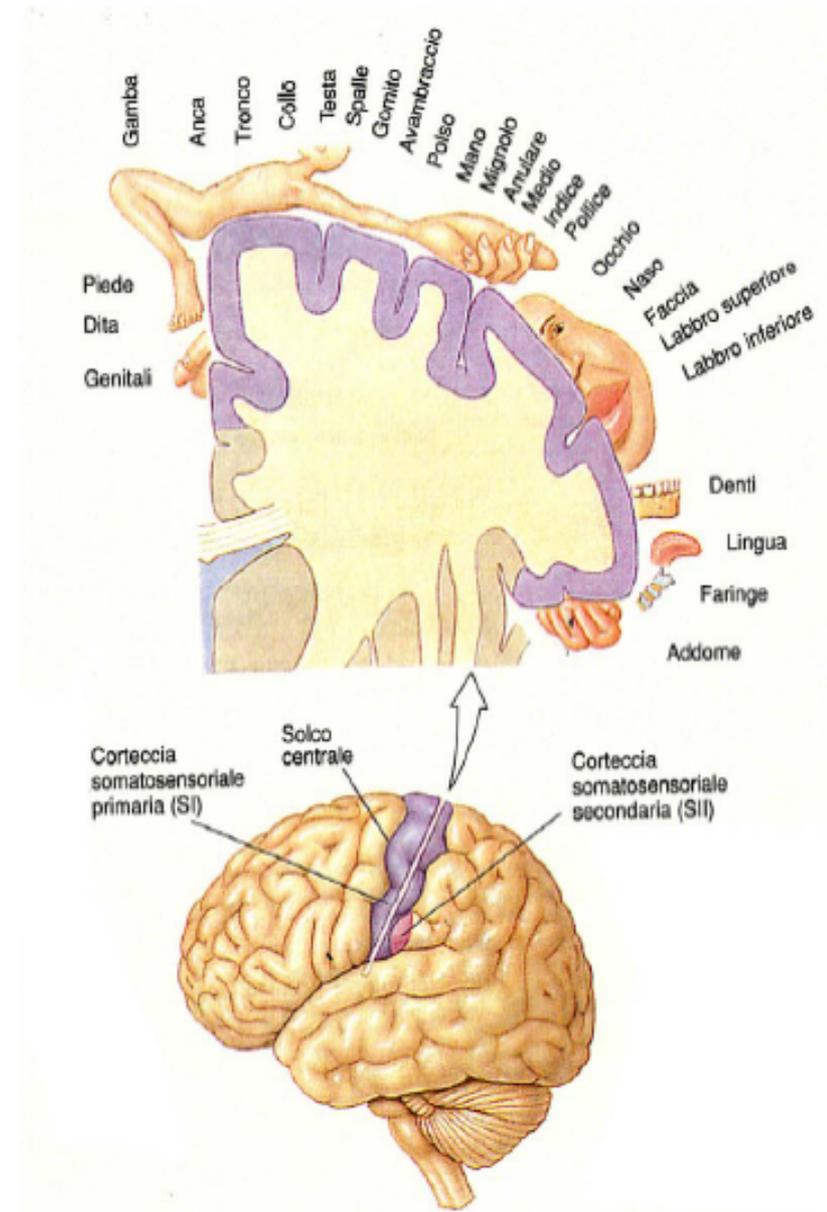


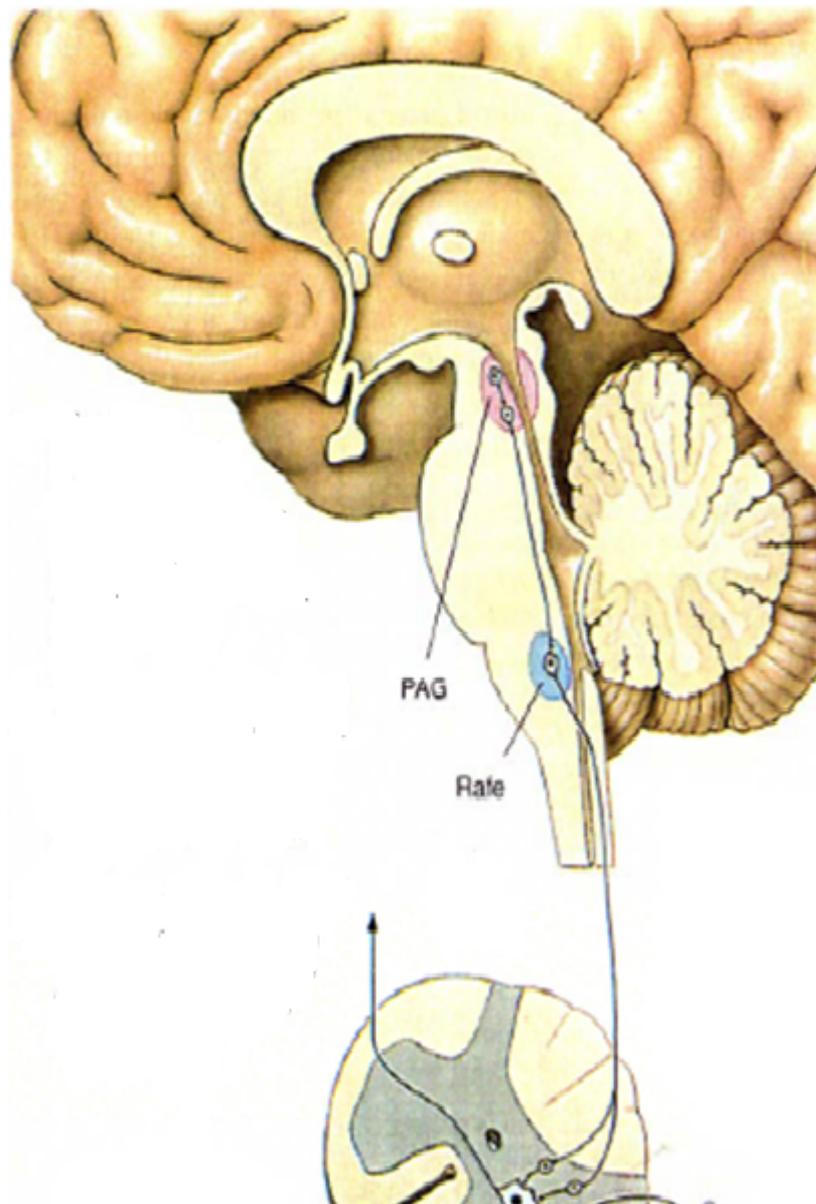




Corteccia

- Somatosensoriale primaria SI
- Somatosensoriale secondaria SII
- Corteccia insulare
- Corteccia orbitale ventrolaterale





Reynolds, 1969

DOLORE: “UN EQUILIBRIO INSTABILE”

Processi
eccitatori



Modulazione
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Il Dolore “difficile”: *scenario*

1. Fisiopatologia

- *meccanismi «nuovi» per la genesi e la cronicizzazione del dolore*

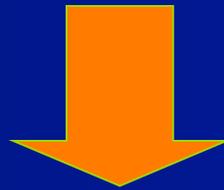
2. Clinica

- *malattie frequenti e malattie rare*
- *conseguenze del dolore cronico*

3. Terapia

- *polimodale di associazione*

TERAPIA MULTIMODALE



FARMACI AD AZIONE SINERGICA

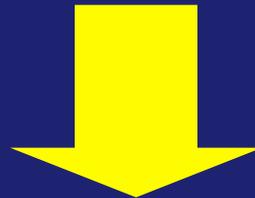


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↓ Reazioni avverse

TIPOLOGIA DI DOLORE e TRATTAMENTO

Una terapia antalgica mono-farmacologica non è spesso in grado di trattare efficacemente il dolore ed espone più facilmente il paziente agli effetti avversi ad esso correlati



ANALGESIA MULTIMODALE

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ANALGESIA MULTIMODALE

AZIONE SUI DIVERSI MECCANISMI DI DOLORE

Trasduzione. FANS, anestetici locali.

Trasmissione. Analgesia tronculare, plessica, caudale, spinale.

Modulazione. Oppioidi, analgesia caudale e spinale.

Percezione. Oppioidi, antidepressivi, paracetamolo.

Neuroinfiammazione periferica e centrale. PEA

Pain Reduction: *Targets and Reasons*

Targets

- *to reduce pain*
- *to decrease inflammation*
- *inflammation*
- *to maintain activity*
- *to permit physiotherapy*

Reasons

- presence of pain*
- presence of*
- to prevent articular degeneration*
- to improve articular performance*





Pain Relief Ladder (WHO)



PCM/NSAIDs
± *adjuvants*

weak OPIOIDS
± *NSAIDs* ± *adjuvants*

strong OPIOIDS
± *NSAIDs* ± *adjuvants*



The “ *MAGIC BULLETS* ” against Pain

FANS

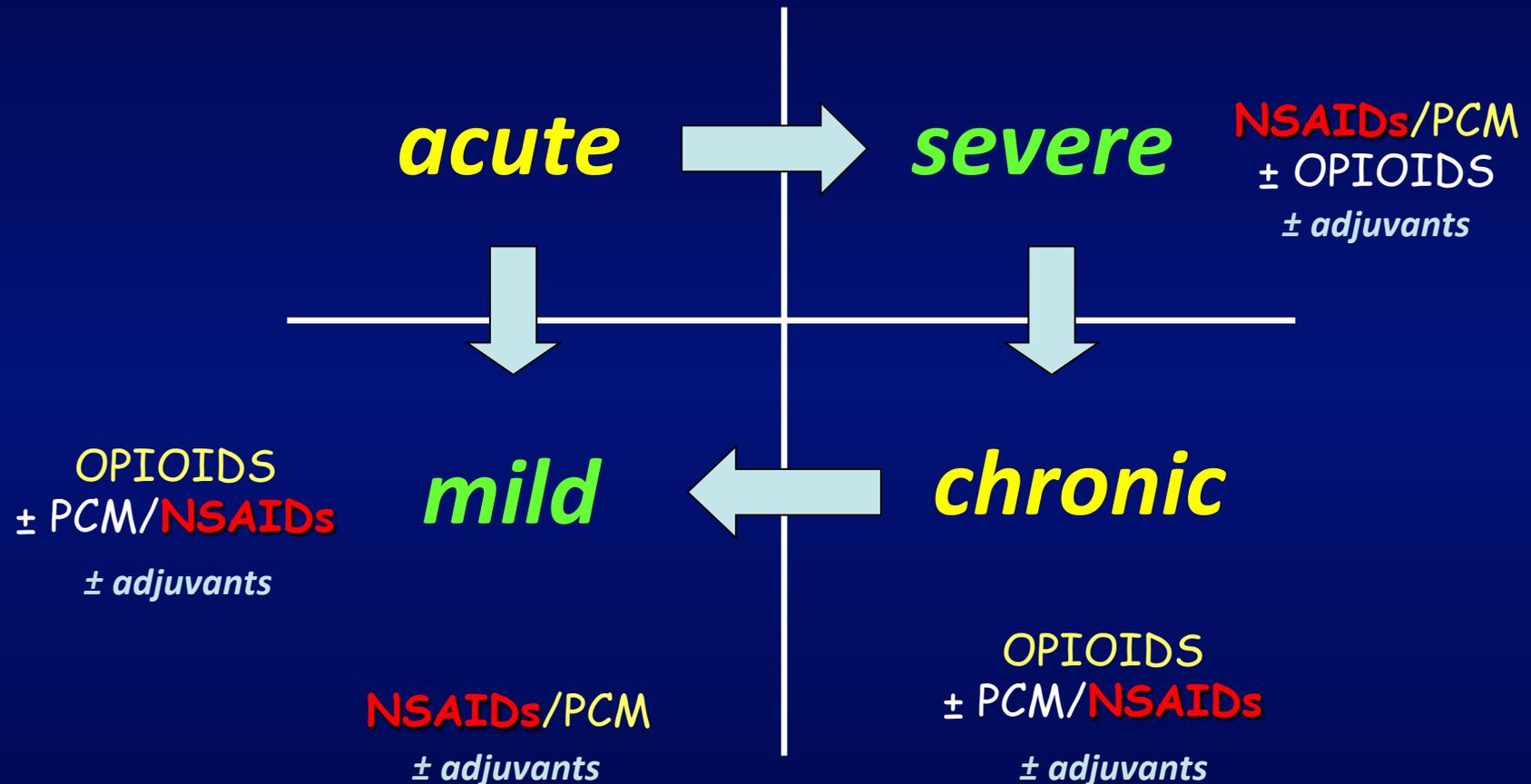
paracetamolo

oppiacei deboli

oppiacei forti

adiuvanti

Towards a *New Pain Relief Flow Sheet* for Chronic Pain



Paracetamolo e FANS nel Trattamento del Dolore



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SPECIAL ARTICLE

American College of Rheumatology 2012 Recommendations for the Use of Nonpharmacologic and Pharmacologic Therapies in Osteoarthritis of the Hand, Hip, and Knee

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GEORGE WELLS,³ AND PETER TUGWELL³

Results

Results. Both “strong” and “conditional” recommendations were made for OA management. Modalities conditionally recommended for the management of hand OA include instruction in joint protection techniques, provision of assistive devices, use of thermal modalities and trapeziometacarpal joint splints, and use of oral and topical nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), tramadol, and topical capsaicin. Nonpharmacologic modalities strongly recommended for the management of knee OA were aerobic, aquatic, and/or resistance exercises as well as weight loss for overweight patients. Nonpharmacologic modalities conditionally recommended for knee OA included medial wedge insoles for valgus knee OA, subtalar strapped lateral insoles for varus knee OA, medially directed patellar taping, manual therapy, walking aids, thermal agents, tai chi, self-management programs, and psychosocial interventions. Pharmacologic modalities conditionally recommended for the initial management of patients with knee OA included acetaminophen, oral and topical NSAIDs, tramadol, and intraarticular corticosteroid injections; intraarticular hyaluronate injections, duloxetine, and opioids were conditionally recommended in patients who had an inadequate response to initial therapy. Opioid analgesics were strongly recommended in patients who were either not willing to undergo or had contraindications for total joint arthroplasty after having failed medical therapy. Recommendations for hip OA were similar to those for the management of knee OA.

Current use of prescription medicines

(Pain in Europe Survey, EJP 2005)

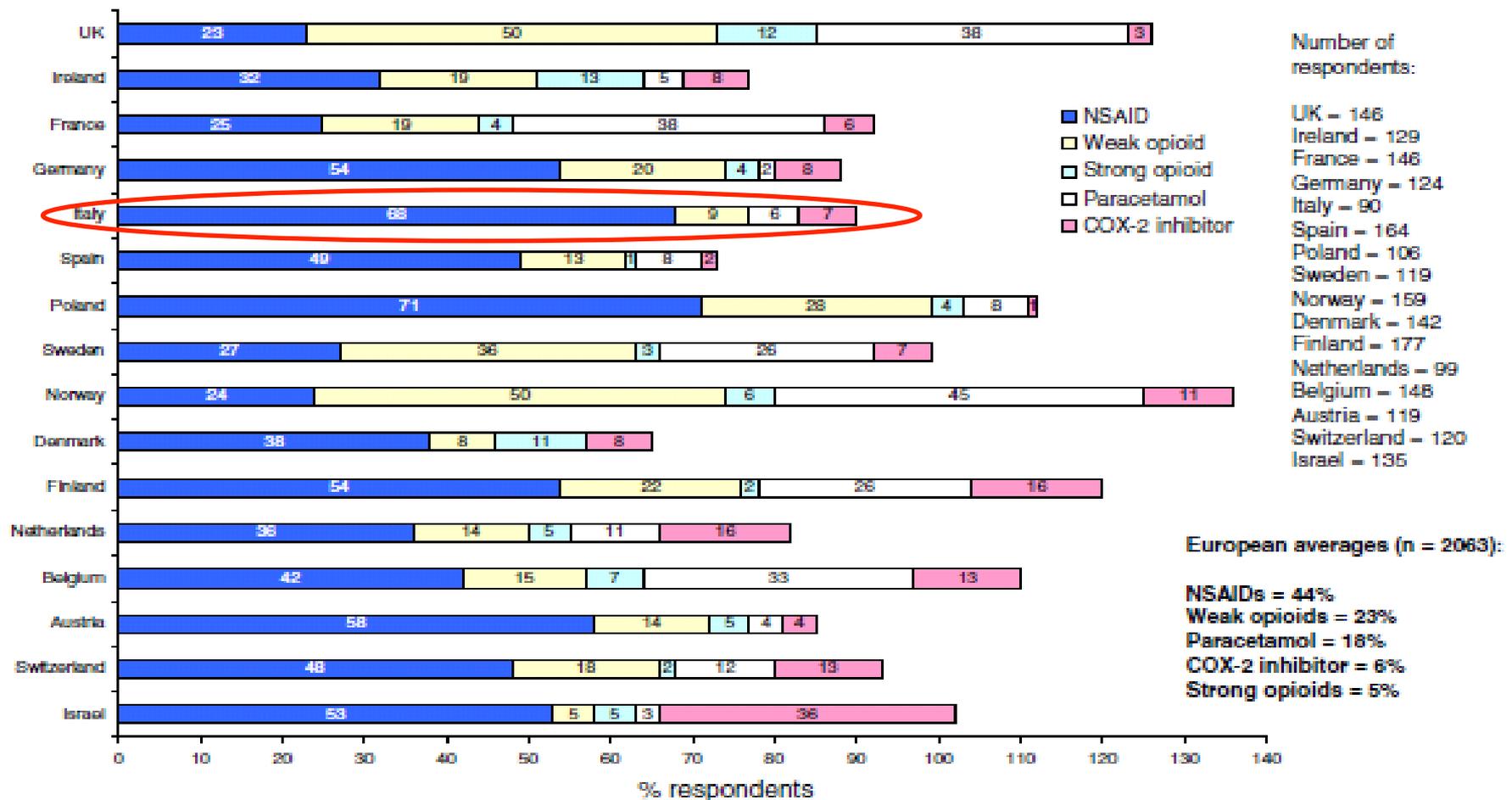
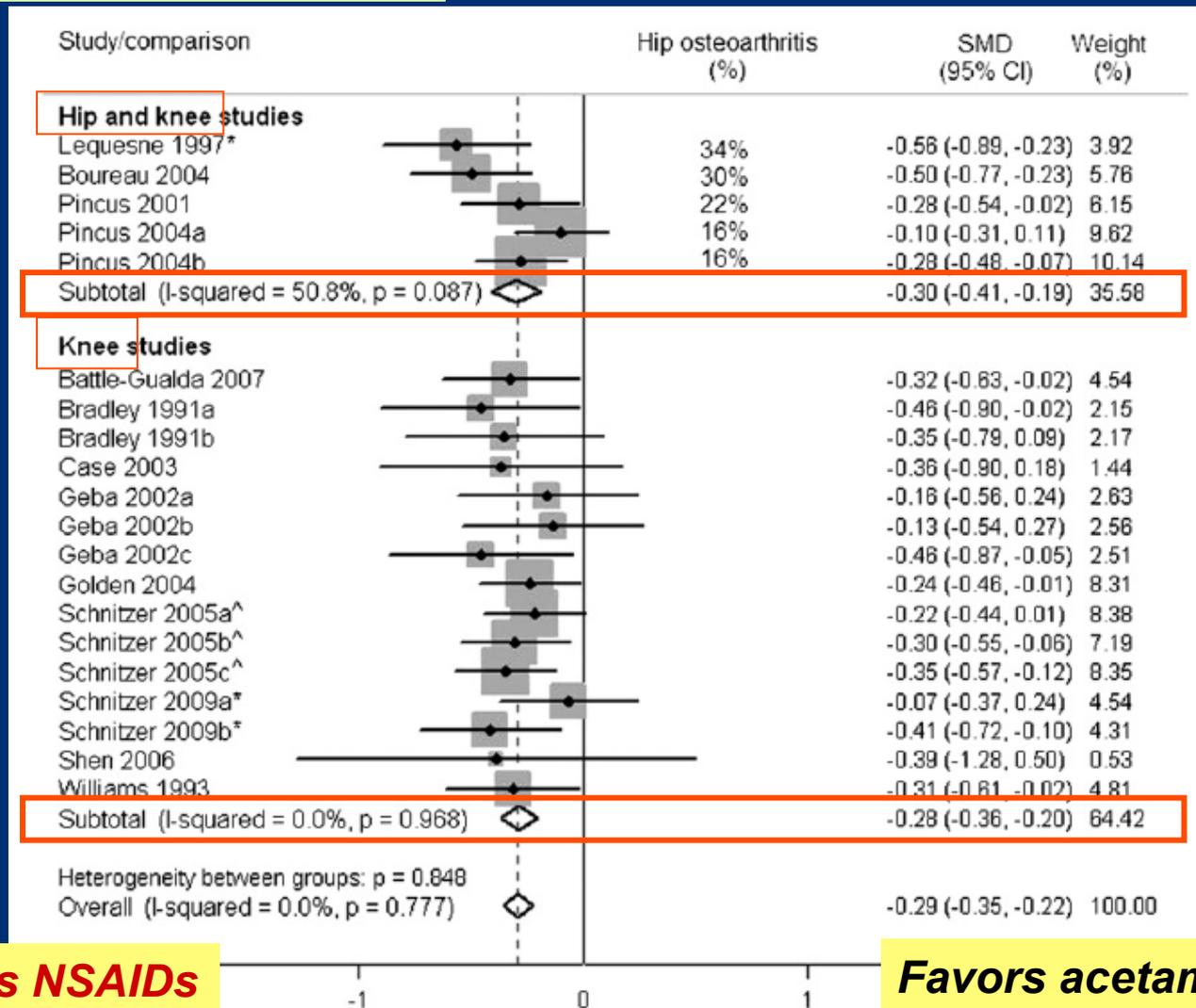


Fig. 22. Current use of prescription medicines in the 16 countries by respondents currently taking such medications. Answers to the structured interview question: "Which prescription pain medicines are you currently taking for the specific pain we have been discussing?"

NSAIDs vs acetaminophen in knee and hip osteoarthritis: a systematic review regarding heterogeneity influencing the outcomes

Efficacy on Pain

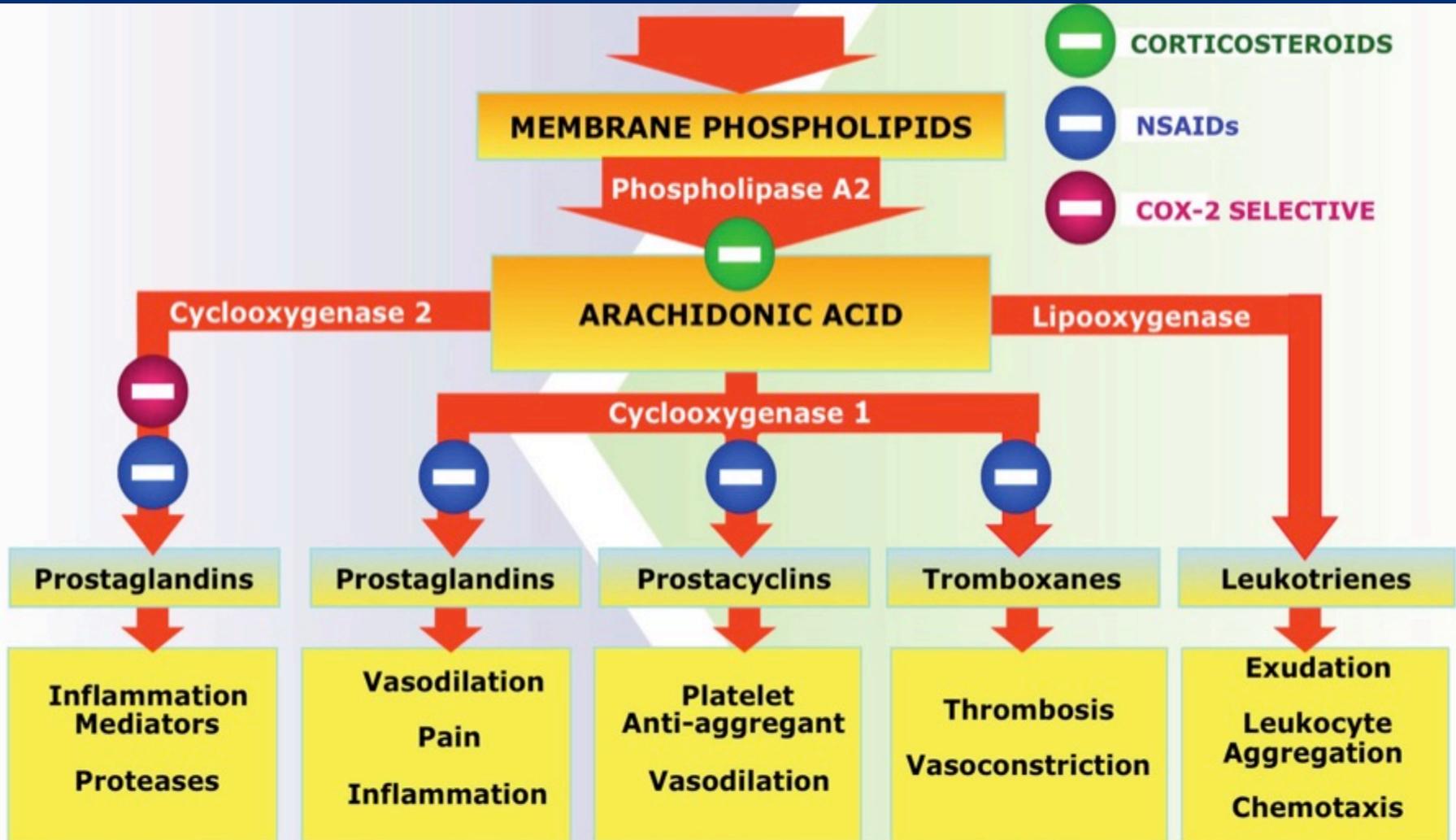
S.P.J. Verkleij et al. / Osteoarthritis and Cartilage 19 (2011) 921–929



Favors NSAIDs

Favors acetaminophen

ARACHIDONIC ACID CASCADE



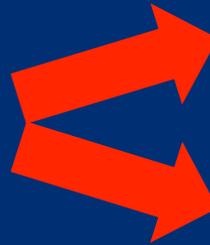
Analgesic Therapy and NSAIDs

*dose
analgesica*



*dose
anti-infiammatoria*

*aumento
del dosaggio*



*aumento
rischio AE*

*NON aumenta
l'effetto analgesico*

- dolore acuto*
- stimolo periferico (acuto/cronico)*



EFFICACE

- dolore cronico*
- da sensibilizzazione centrale*



NON EFFICACE



... dal *SALIX ALBA VULGARIS* ...



... all'ASPIRINA ...

L'incredibile storia
della pillola più famosa del mondo

ASPIRINA



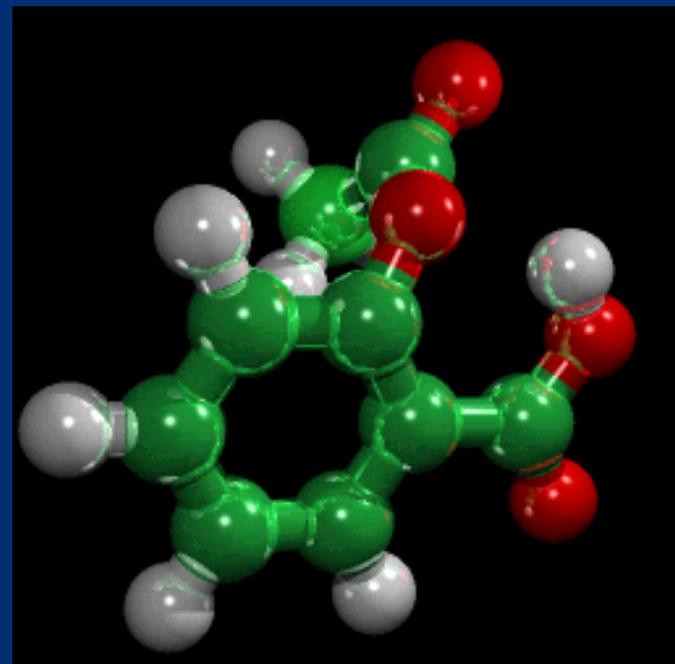
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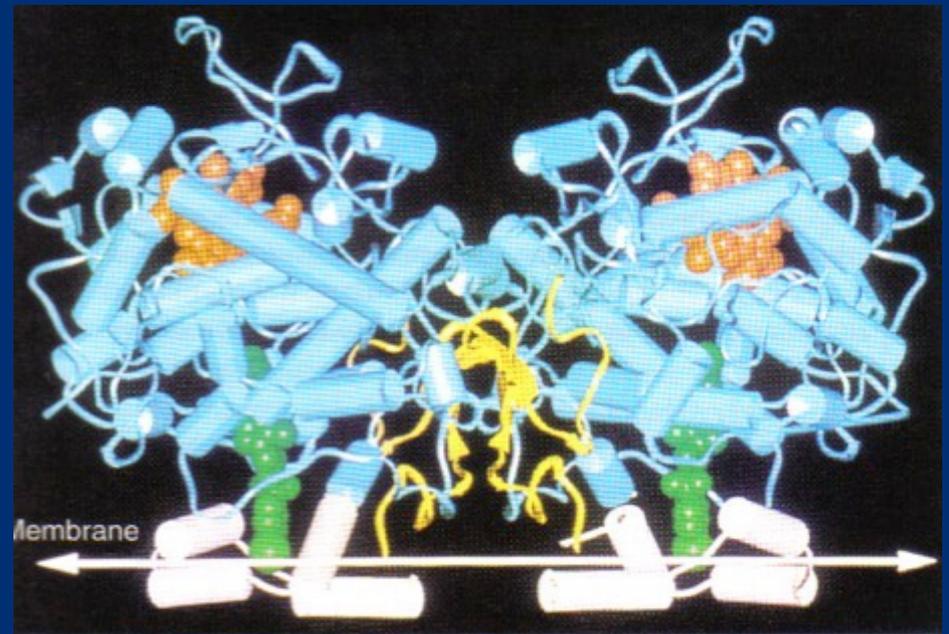
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... ai COX-2 inibitori ...



Lesioni alla mucosa GI da FANS

Tratto GI superiore

- Esofagite
- Emorragie petecchiali sub-epiteliali
- Erosioni
- Ulcere
 - Stomaco e duodeno
- Sanguinamenti
 - Lesioni acute della mucosa
 - Ulcera
- Perforazione
- Ostruzione

Piccolo intestino

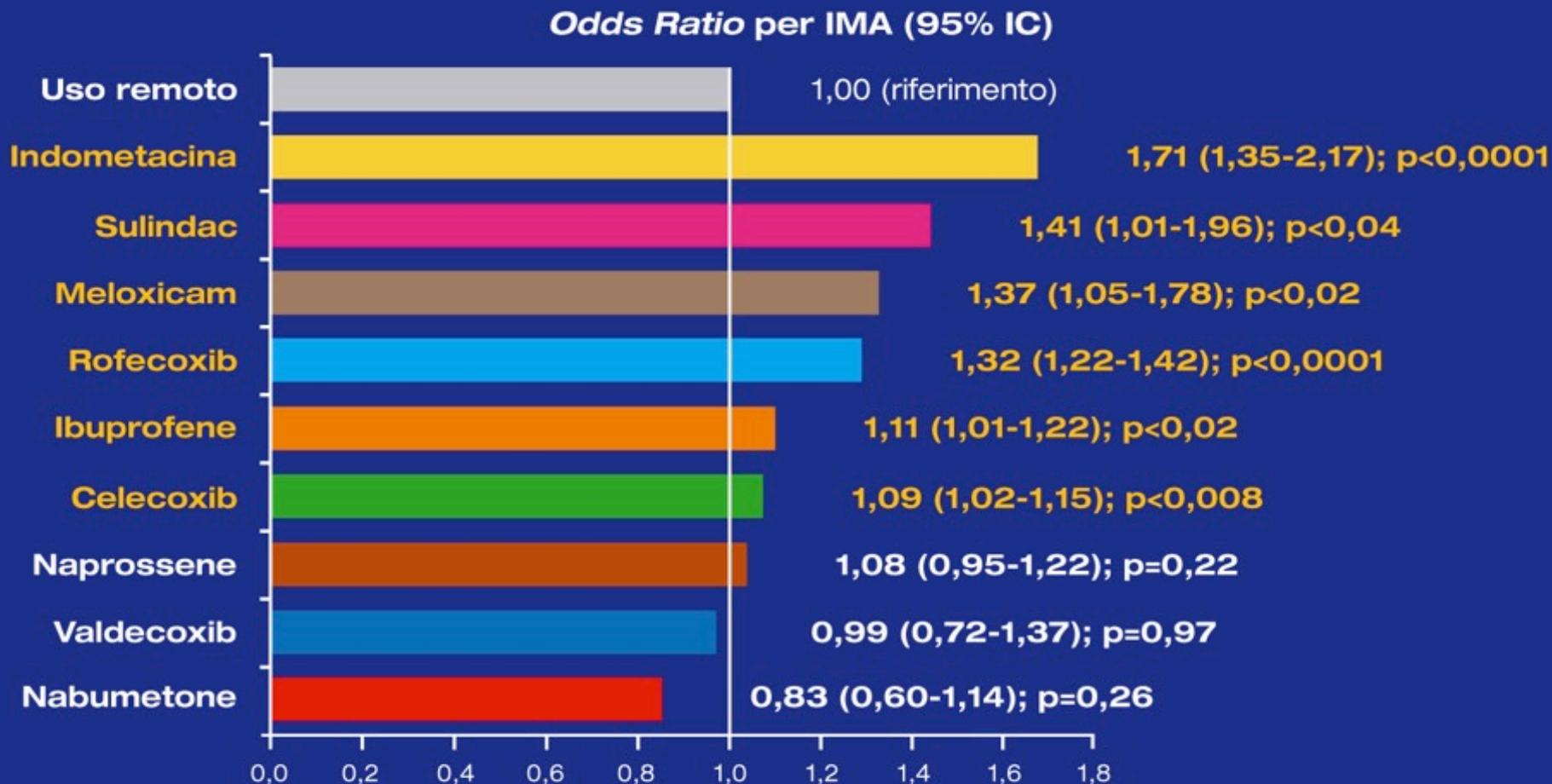
- Aumento della permeabilità intestinale
- Infiammazione
- Anemia
- Ulcera
- Stenosi mucosali a diaframma
- Sanguinamento
- Perforazione
- Enteropatia

Colon

- Colite
- Ulcera
- Stenosi
- Diverticolite
- Sanguinamento
- Perforazione
- Colite collagenosa
- Recidive di IBD

Medi-Cal: FANS tradizionali e rischio di IMA

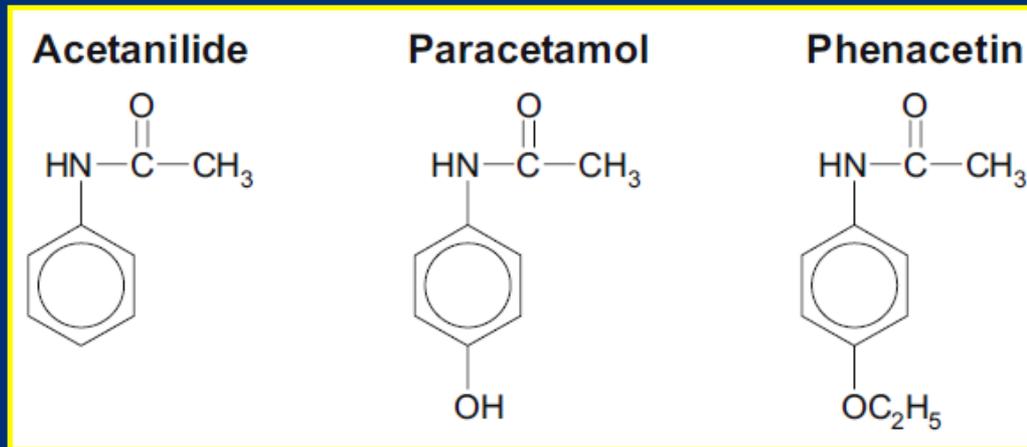
Popolazione Medi-Cal (>18 anni) con diagnosi di artropatia (1999-2004)*



*2.356.885 persone/anno di follow-up; 15.343 casi di IMA.
Singh G et al. *Ann Rheum Dis*. 2005;64(suppl III):85.

Paracetamolo

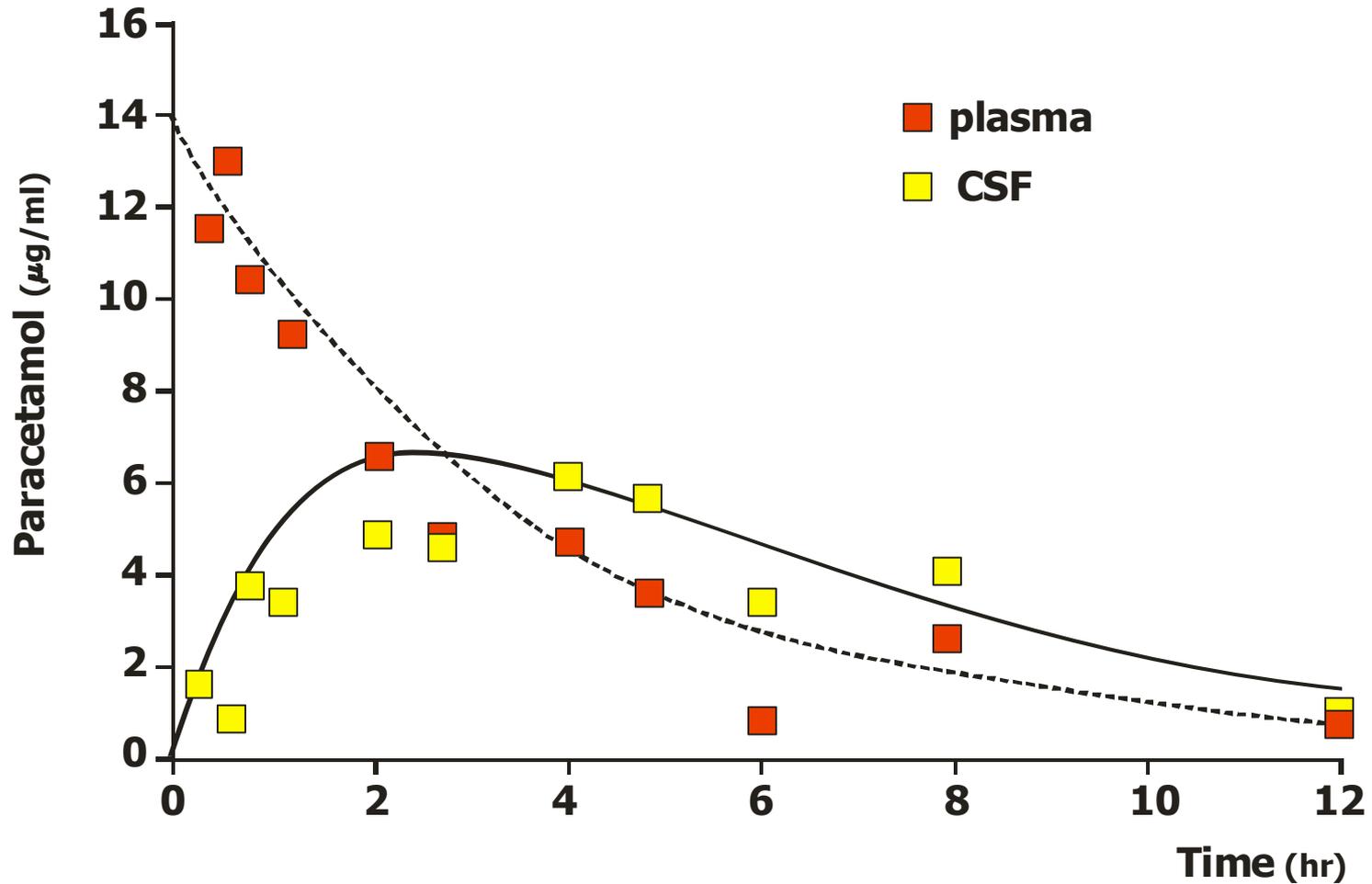
Sintetizzato nel 1878 da Morse
uso clinico nel 1887 da Von Mering fino al
1950 sostituito della Fenacetina



Riscoperta nel 1950 da Brodie e Axelrod, in sostituzione della
Fenacetina (nefrotossica)

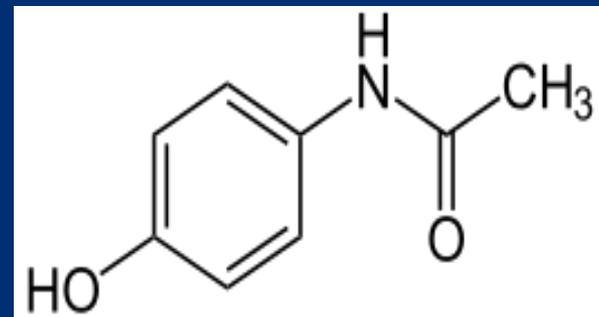
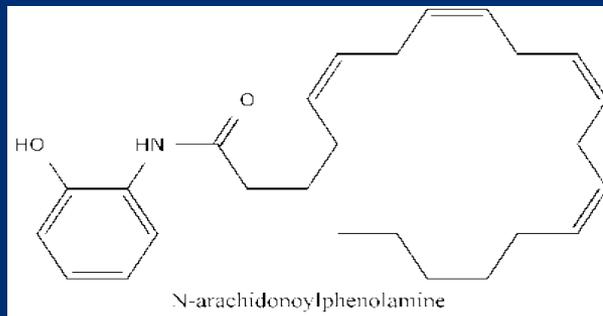
PLASMA AND CSF [PARACETAMOL] AFTER iv BOLUS

(Bannwarth et al. Br J Clin Pharmacol 1992;34:79-81)



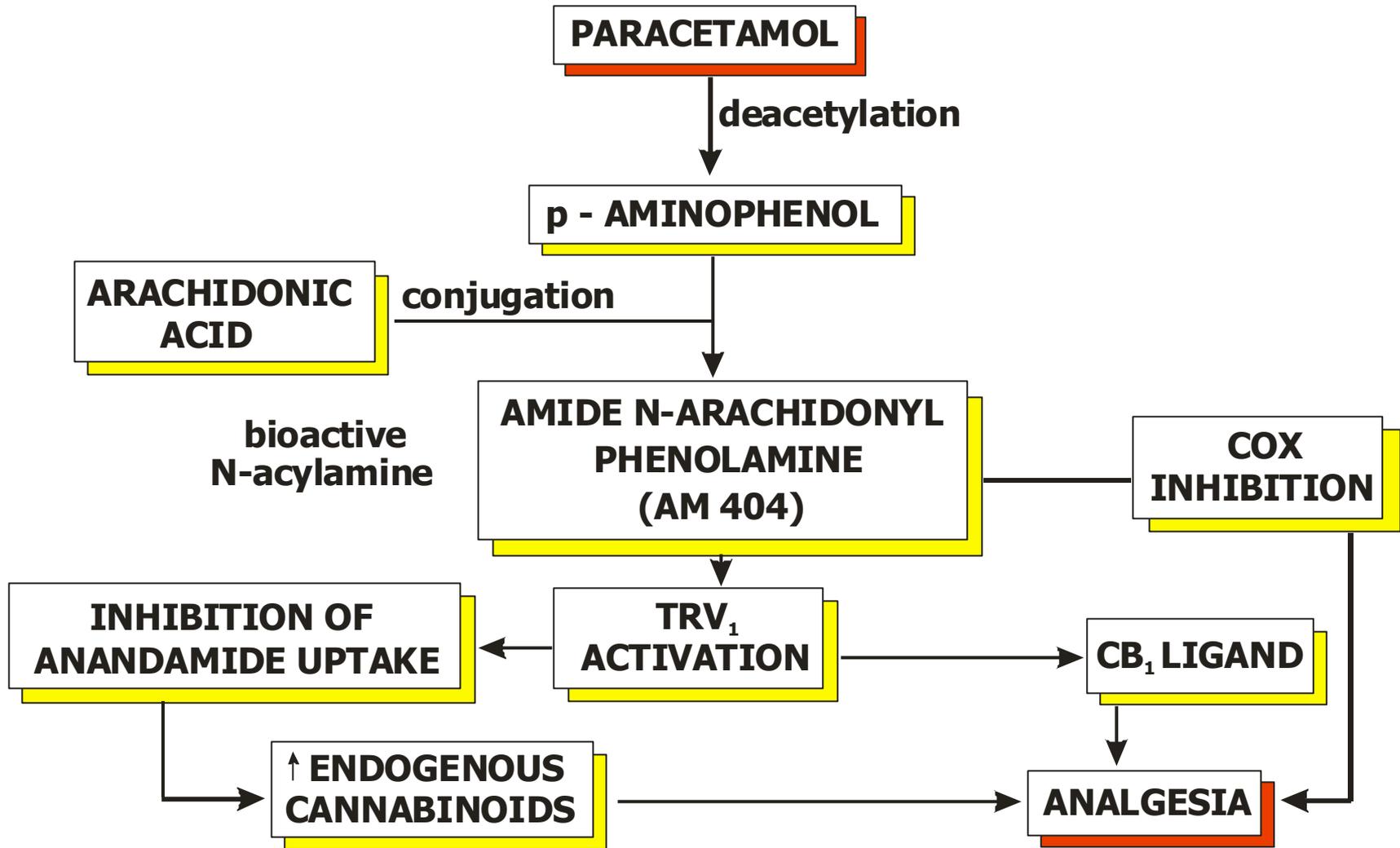
“NUOVI” MECCANISMI D’AZIONE

- **Struttura simile tra paracetamolo e Aminoacido N-arachidonilfenolamina (AM404)**
- **AM404 del gruppo delle N-acylamine ed il lipide endogeno anadamide promuovono l’attività analgesica dei cannabinoidi in vari test animali ed a temperature corporee basse.**

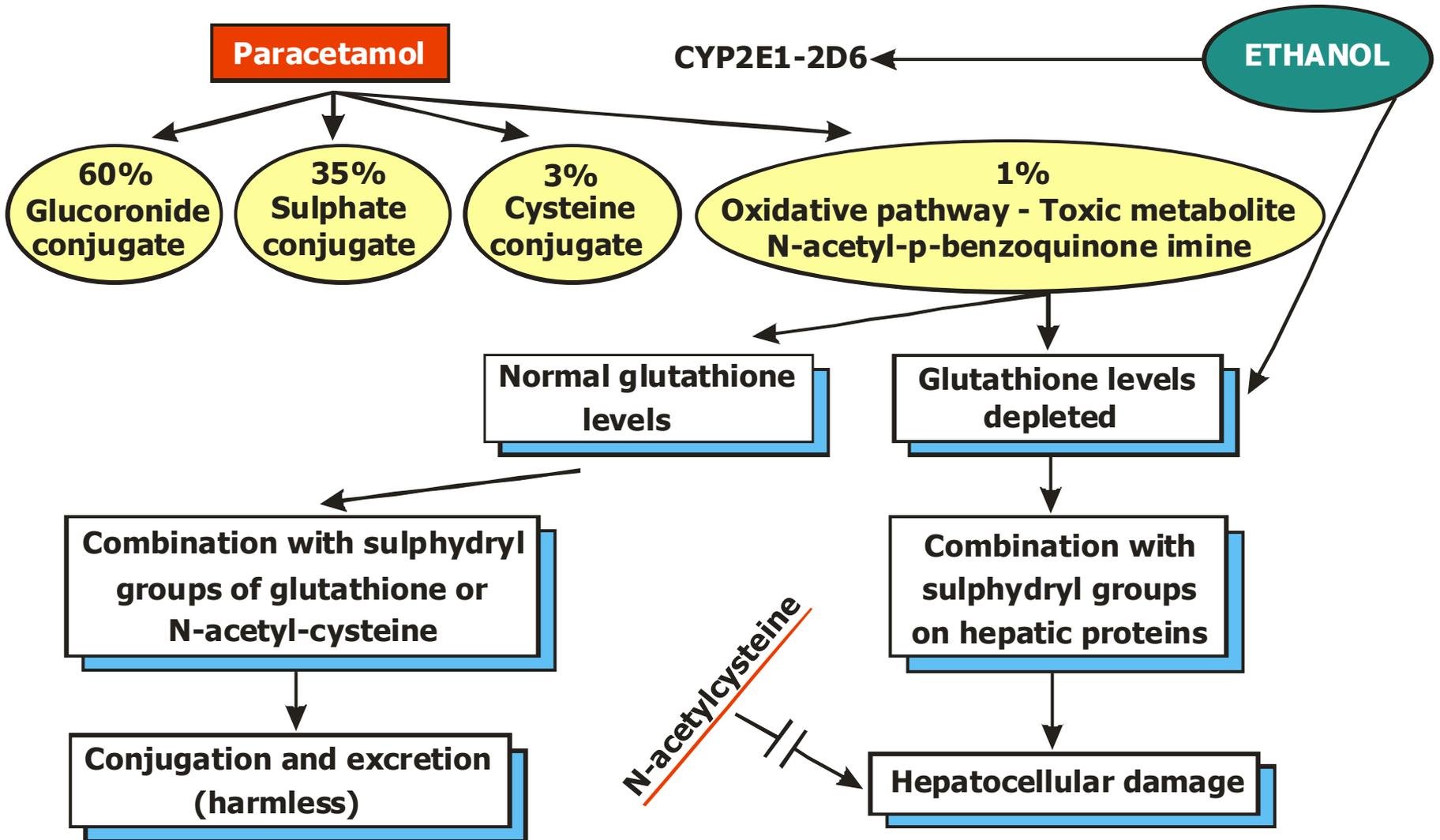


NOVEL MECHANISM OF PARACETAMOL ANTINOCICEPTION

(Hogestatt et al. J Biol Chem 2005;280:31405-12)



PARACETAMOL METABOLISM AND TOXICITY



La Terapia con Oppioidi

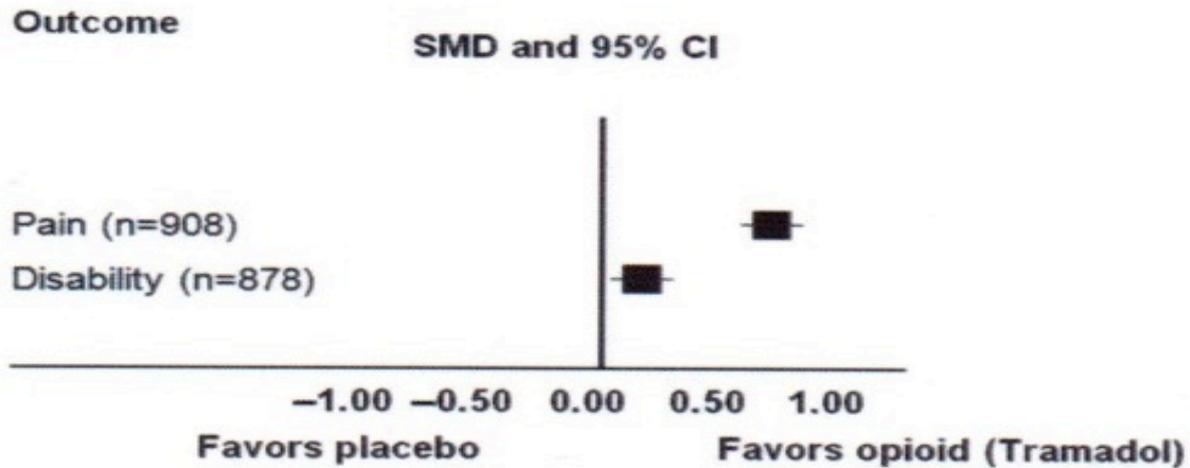


NONSURGICAL CARE OF CHRONIC LOW BACK PAIN

Pharmacologic Management of Chronic Low Back Pain

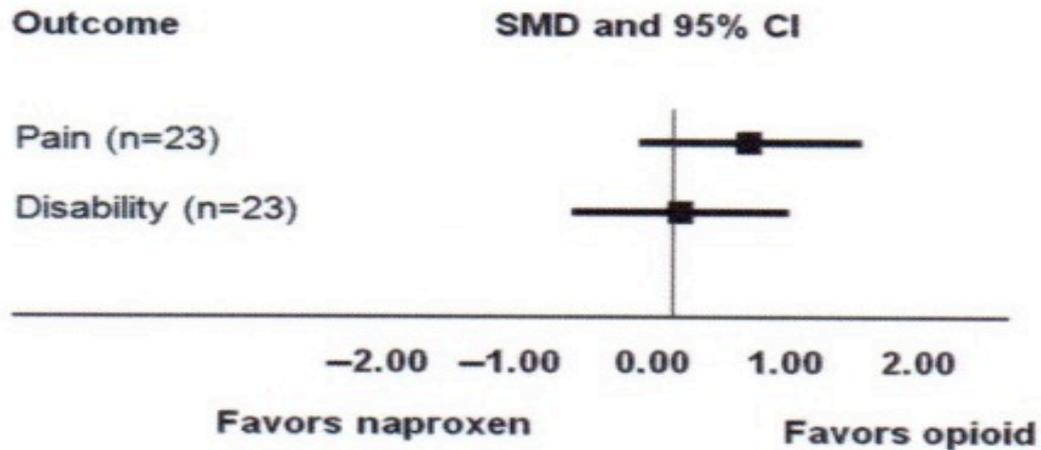
Synthesis of the Evidence

Andrew P. White, MD,* Paul M. Arnold, MD,† Daniel C. Norvell, PhD,‡ Erika Ecker, BS,‡ and
Michael G. Fehlings, MD, PhD, FRCSC§



*Treatment effect favors opioids for both pain and disability.

(A)



*Treatment effect favors neither Opioids or NSAIDs for pain or disability.

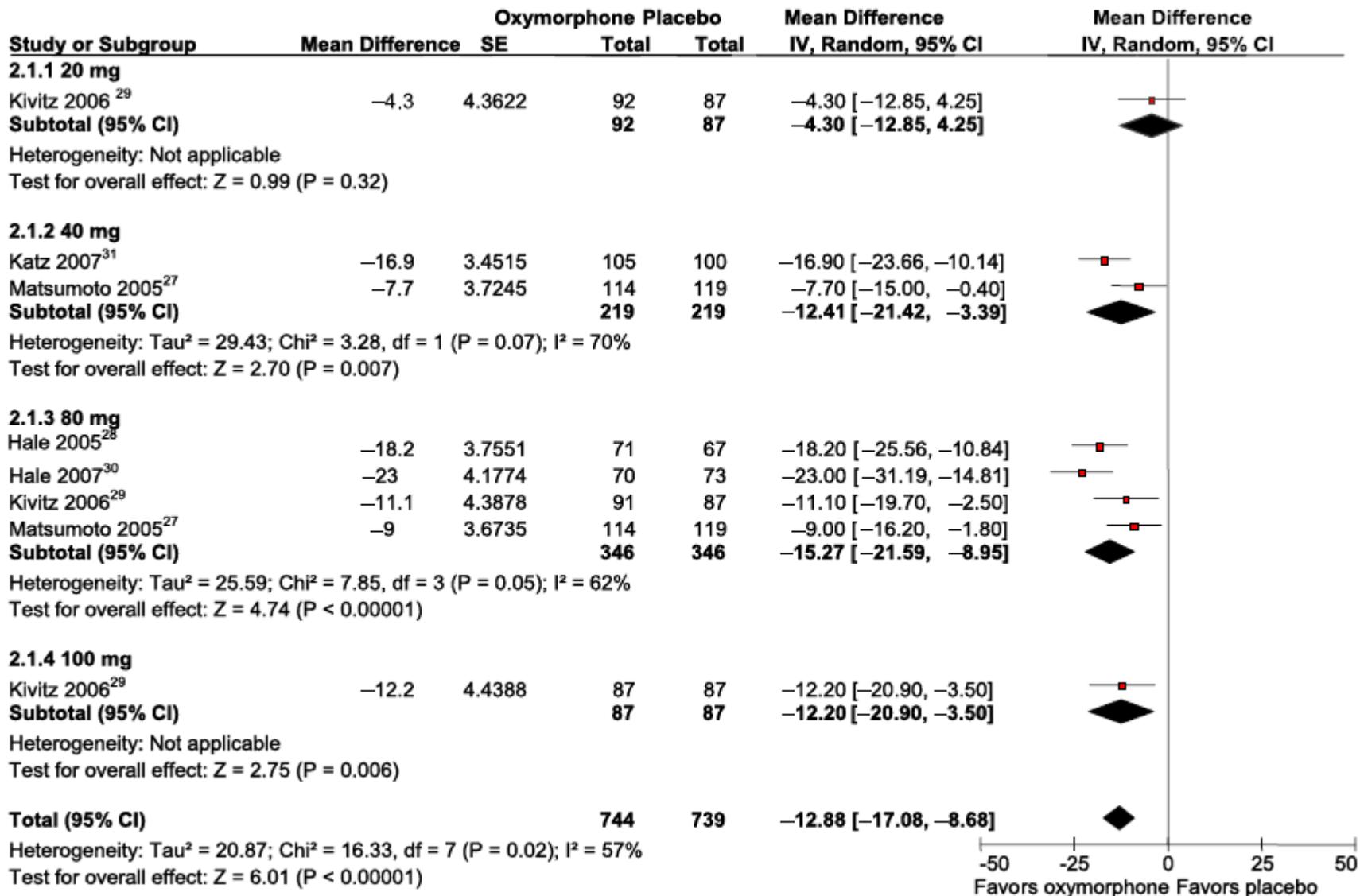
Note very small sample size.

Review Article

A Systematic Review of Oxymorphone in the Management of Chronic Pain

Fadia Mayyas, MS, Peter Fayers, PhD, Stein Kaasa, MD, PhD,
and Ola Dale, MD, PhD

Pain and Palliation Research Group (F.M., P.F., S.K., O.D.), Faculty of Medicine, Department of Molecular Biology and Cancer Research (P.F., S.K.), and Department of Circulation and Medical Imaging (F.M., O.D.), Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway; Palliative Medicine (S.K.), Department of Oncology, and Department of Anesthesiology and Emergency Medicine (O.D.), St. Olav's University Hospital, Trondheim, Norway; and Department of Public Health (P.F.), University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, United Kingdom



Standardized Pain Intensity Scores in Chronic Nonmalignant Pain

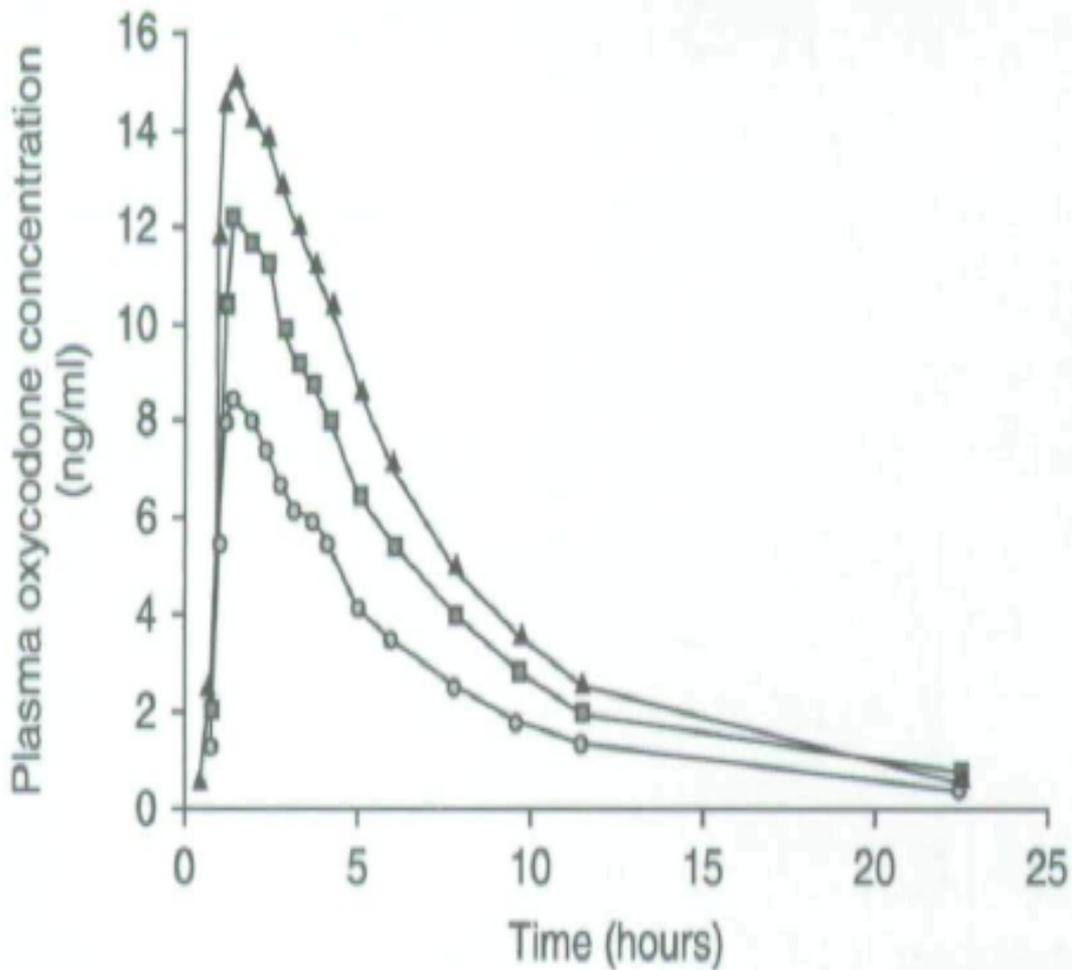
Oxycodone/Paracetamol

A Low-Dose Synergic Combination Useful in Different Types of Pain

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- Oxycodone/acetaminophen 5/325 mg
- Oxycodone/acetaminophen 7.5/500 mg
- ▲ Oxycodone/acetaminophen 10/650 mg



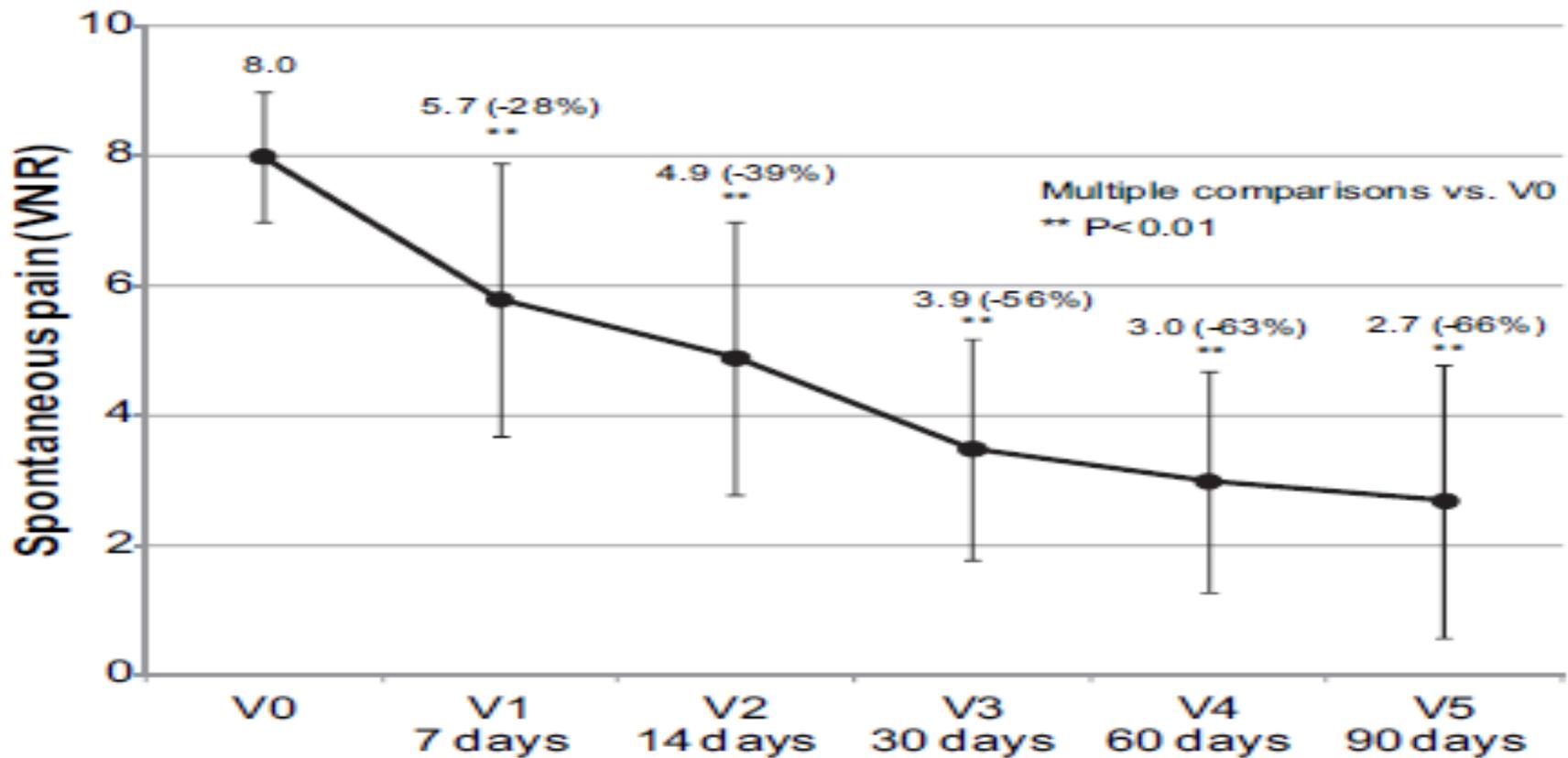
Mean oxycodone plasma concentrations in patients who received one of three dosage strengths of the oxycodone/paracetamol immediate-release fixed-dose combination (5 mg/325 mg, 7.5mg/500mg or 10mg/650mg).

Original Article

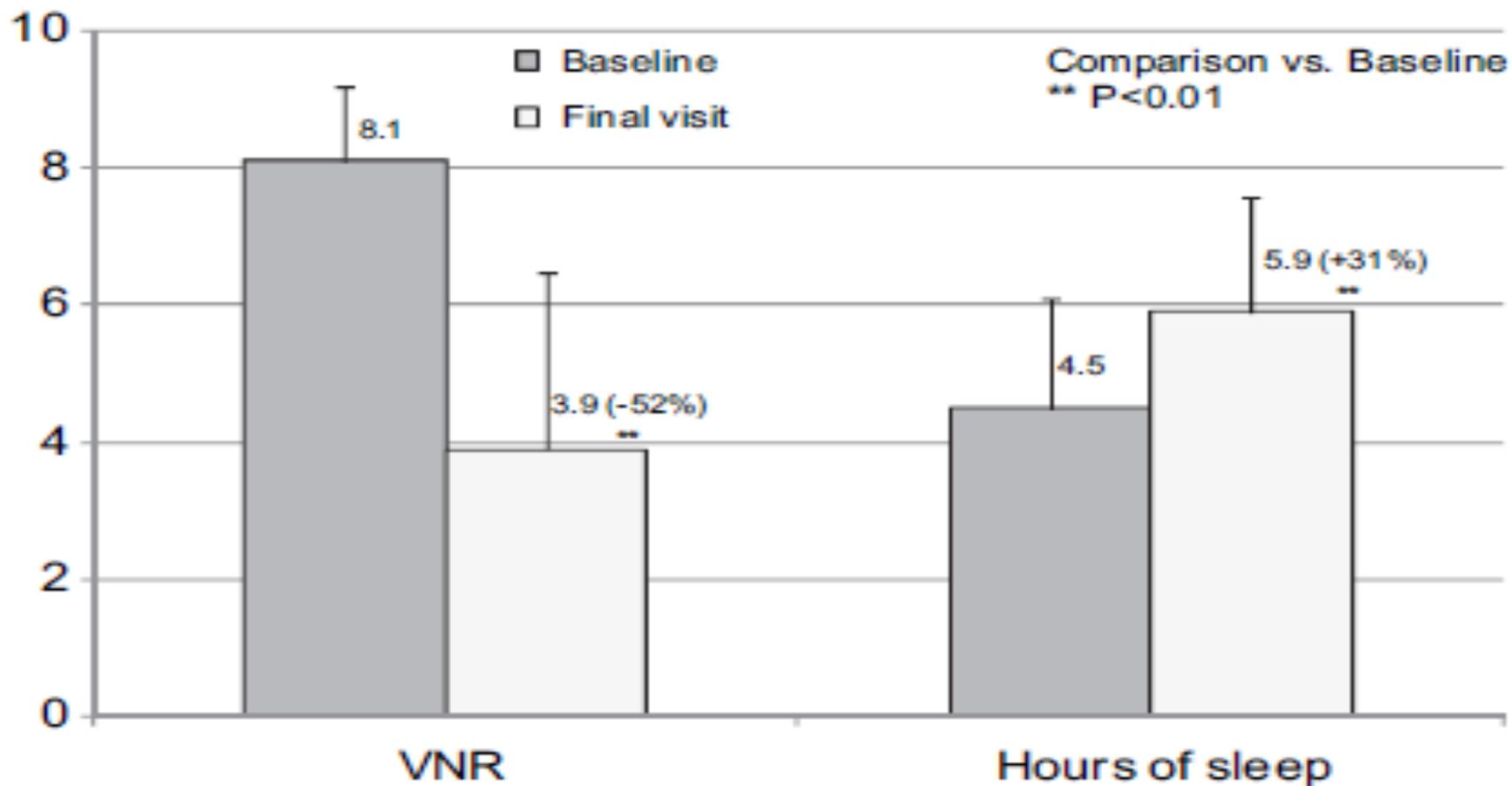
Transdermal Buprenorphine for the Treatment of Chronic Noncancer Pain in the Oldest Old

Walter Gianni, MD, Angelo Raffaele Madaio, MD, Moira Ceci, MD,
Elena Benincasa, MD, Gianfranco Conati, MD, Fabrizio Franchi, MD,
Giuseppe Galetti, MD, Antonio Nieddu, MD, Bernardo Salani, MD,
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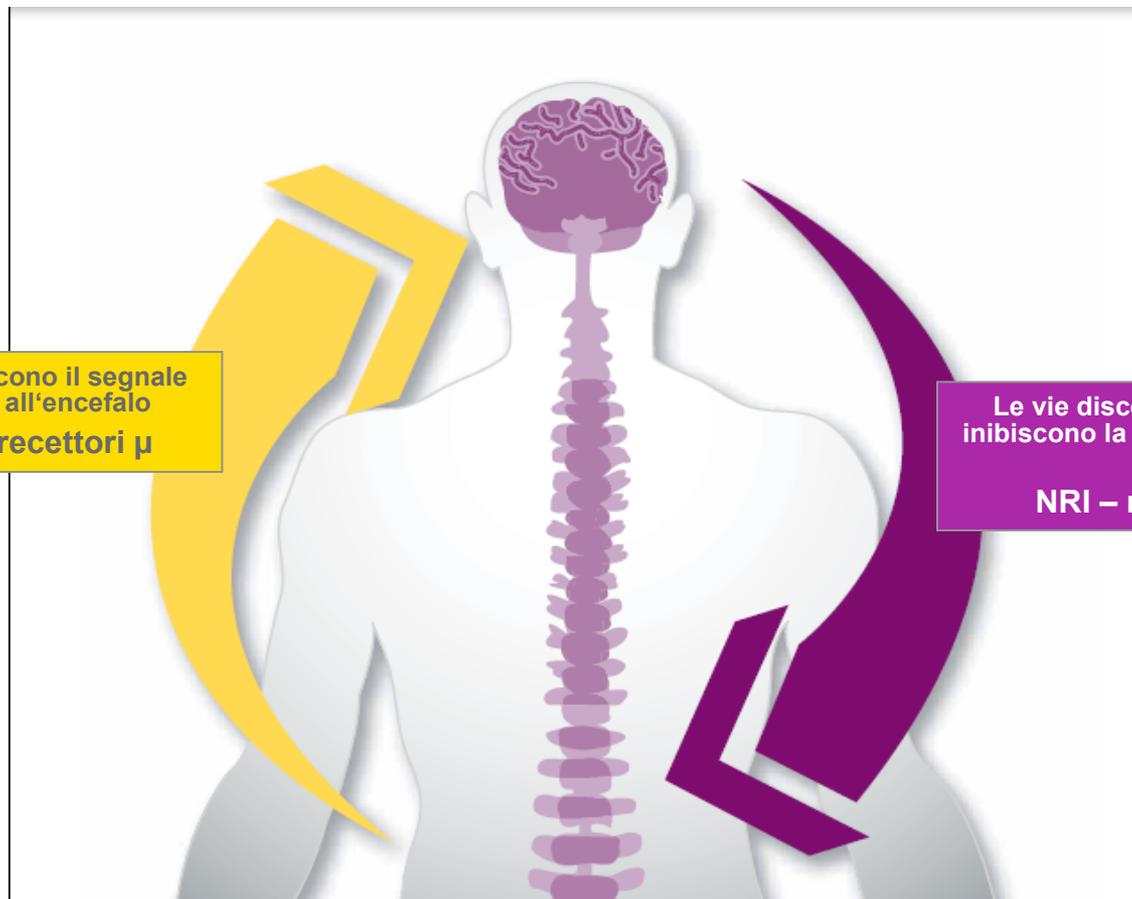


Reduction of spontaneous pain in 89 geriatric patients affected from chronic noncancer pain and treated with buprenorphine TDS for three months



Reduction of spontaneous pain and increase in hours of sleep in 89 geriatric patients affected from chronic noncancer pain and treated with buprenorphine TDS for three months

Comprendere le vie del dolore per scegliere il trattamento ottimale



Le vie ascendenti trasferiscono il segnale doloroso dalla periferia all'encefalo
MOR – mediate dai recettori μ

Le vie discendenti intensificano o inibiscono la trasmissione del segnale doloroso
NRI – mediato dalla NA

É evidente una forte rilevanza della componente NRI nel dolore cronico di tipo neuropatico

Clinical Study

**A Phase IIIb, Multicentre, Randomised,
Parallel-Group, Placebo-Controlled, Double-Blind Study to
Investigate the Efficacy and Safety of OROS Hydromorphone in
Subjects with Moderate-to-Severe Chronic Pain Induced by
Osteoarthritis of the Hip or the Knee**

**Jozef Vojtaššák,¹ Jozef Vojtaššák,¹ Adam Jacobs,² Leonie Rynn,³
Sandra Waechter,⁴ and Ute Richarz⁵**

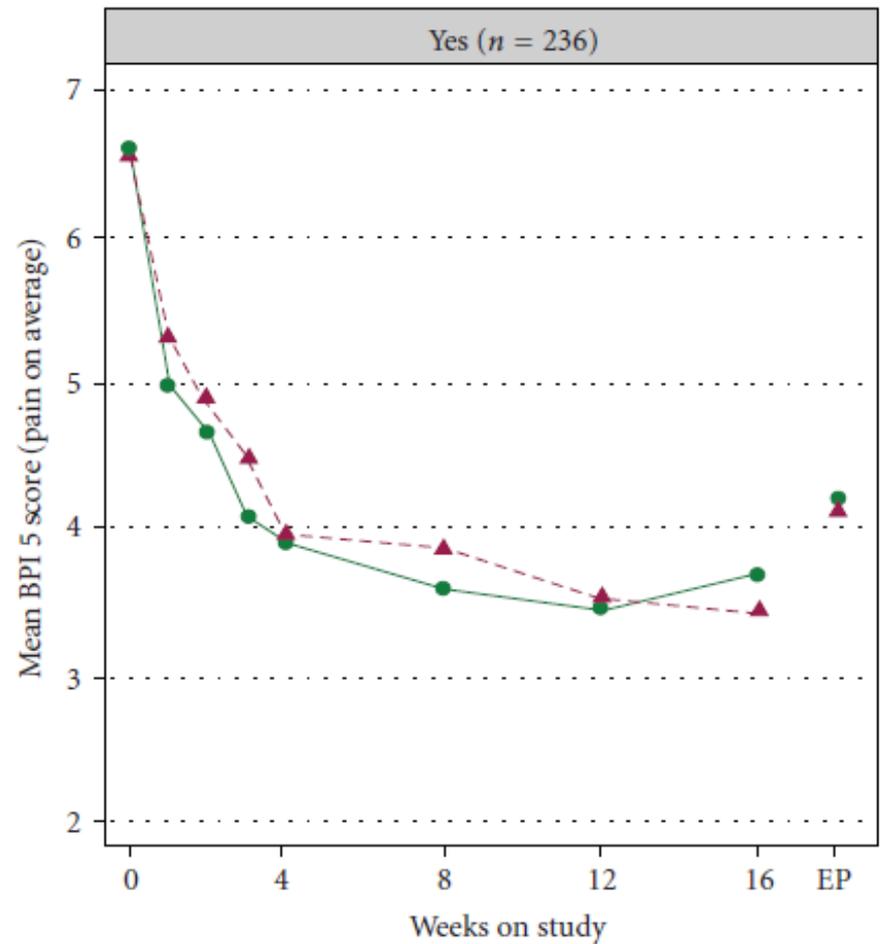
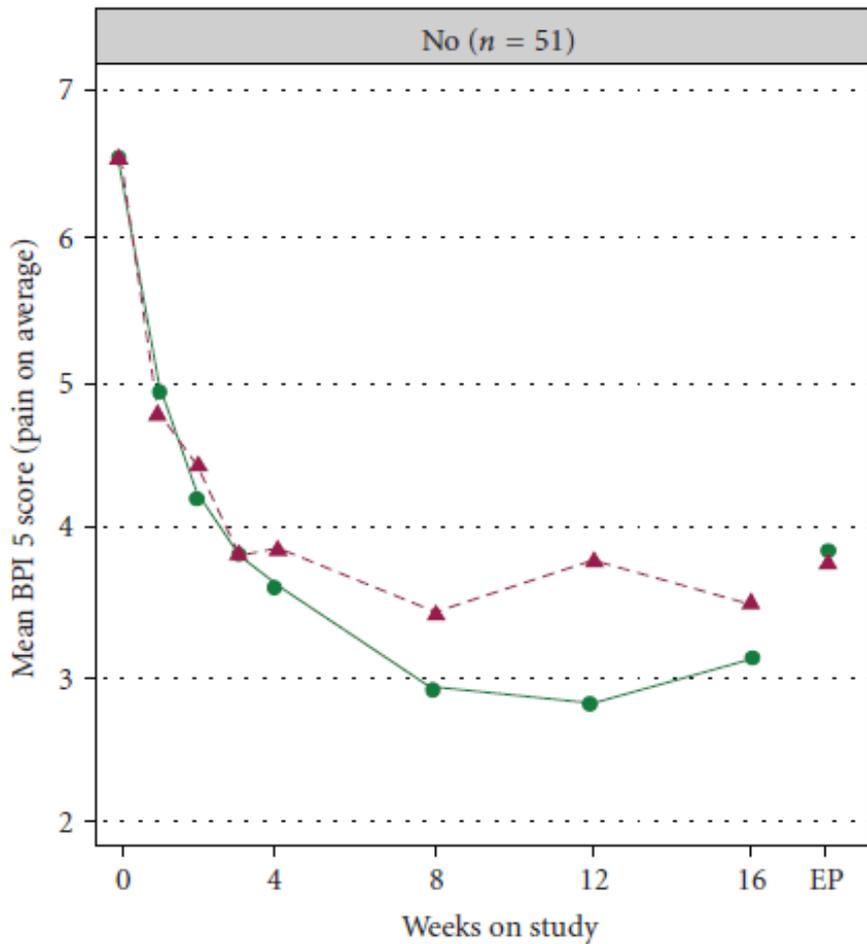
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—●— Hydromorphone
 -▲- Placebo

Graphs by NSAID use
 EP = end point

—●— Hydromorphone
 -▲- Placebo

Graphs by NSAID use
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Mean BPI score item 5 (pain on average) by concomitant NSAID use and treatment (ITT population)

Efficacy and Safety of Tapentadol Extended Release Compared with Oxycodone Controlled Release for the Management of Moderate to Severe Chronic Pain Related to Osteoarthritis of the Knee

A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo- and Active-Controlled Phase III Study

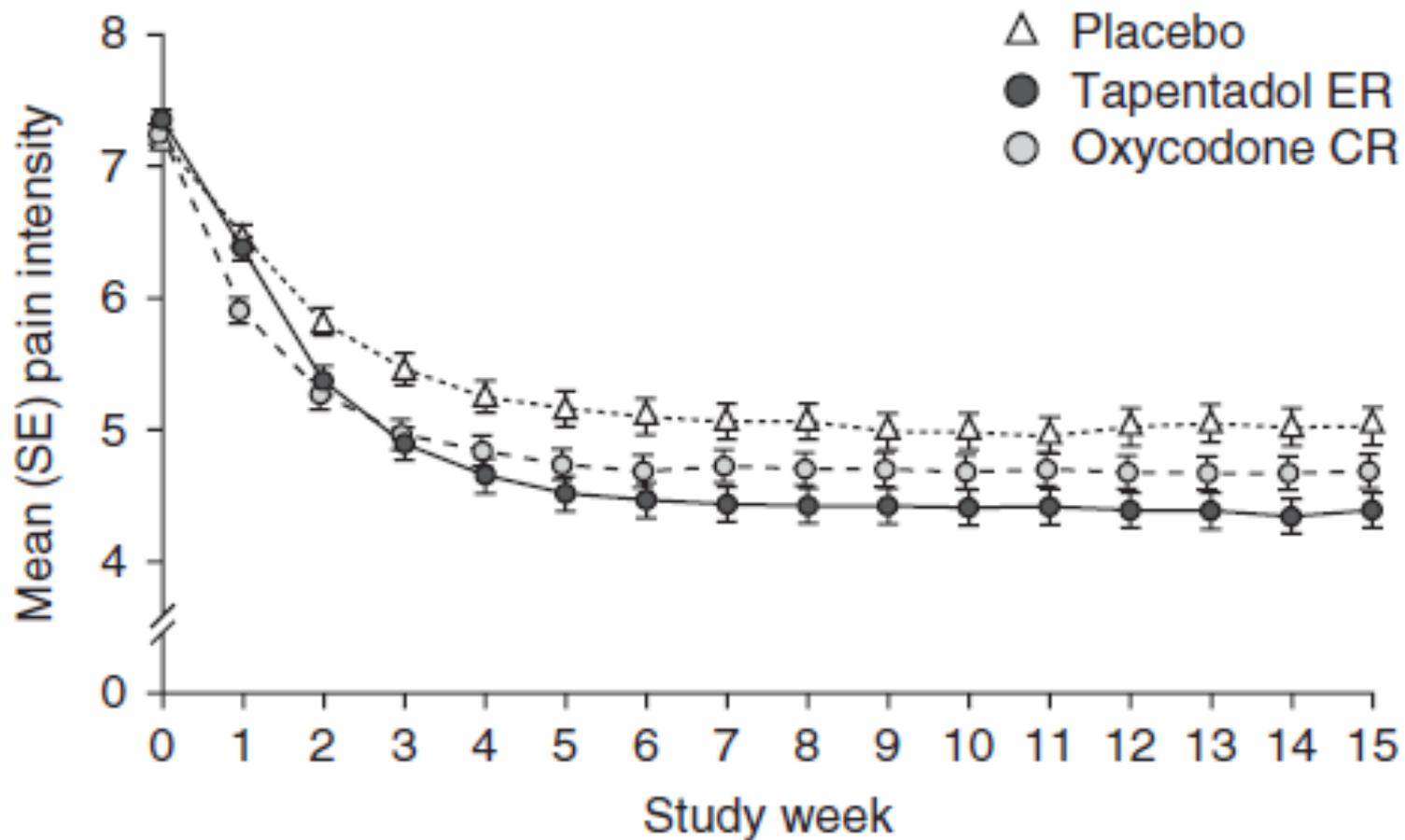
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Mean (SE) pain intensity scores over time using last observation carried forward (intent-to-treat population). CR= controlled release; ER = extended release; SE = standard error.

International Guidelines

- The **European League Against Rheumatism** recommends **opioid analgesics** with or without paracetamol as useful alternatives for patients in whom non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), including cyclo-oxygenase-2 (Cox-2) selective inhibitors, are contra-indicated, ineffective and/or poorly tolerated.

Zhang W, et al. *Ann Rheum Dis* 2005, 64: 669-681.

- The **American Pain Society** and the **American College of Rheumatology** give similar advice for the **use of opioids in rheumatoid arthritis (RA) as well as osteoarthritis (OA)**.

American Pain Society: *APS & ACR guidelines. Guideline for the Management of Pain in Osteoarthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, and Juvenile Chronic Arthritis*. Glenview, IL: American Pain Society; 2002.
Arthritis Rheum 2000, 43:1905-1915.

International Guidelines

GUIDELINES

Care and management of osteoarthritis in adults: summary of NICE guidance

Philip G Conaghan,¹ John Dickson,² Robert L Grant,³ on behalf of the Guideline Development Group

- For knee and hand osteoarthritis, consider paracetamol and/or topical non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) before oral NSAIDs, cyclo-oxygenase-2 (COX 2) inhibitors, and opioids.
- If paracetamol or topical NSAIDs are insufficient for pain relief, then **consider adding opioid analgesics** or substituting with (or in addition to paracetamol) an oral NSAID or COX 2 inhibitor.

Choice of Opioids

- No evidence that dosing regimen has any bearing on the development of tolerance
- ***Generally long-acting formulations are preferred***
- Methadone may be a good choice because
 - long-acting and has NMDA-receptor antagonism
- Methadone may be a bad choice because
 - half-life is unpredictable and it may accumulate
- American Society of Anesthesiologists recommends the slow-release forms of morphine and oxycodone

Strategies to Improve Opioid Effectiveness

- Opioids titration
- Equianalgesic dose
- Opioids switch
- Avoid irrational polypharmacy
- Prevent and cure side effects

Opioid rotation

- **Reduce the side effects with another drug**
 - Anti-emetics, laxatives, stimulants
- **Add other analgesics/adjuvants**
 - NSAIDs, TCA, neuropathic agents, steroids, ketamine
- **Interventional techniques**
 - Epidural, intrathecal analgesia

STEP 1

OPIOID THERAPY: THE BEGINNING

- The opioid should always be started at the **lowest available dose** and titrated slowly depending on analgesic response and adverse effects
- The efficacy of the opioid should be **re-evaluated on a regular basis** and it should be discontinued if not effective

STEP 2a

OPIOID THERAPY: STEPS OF INTERVENTION

- **Educate patient**; provide educational material on opioid therapy to patient and family
- **Set realistic goals** and reach agreement with patient: opioids are one modality in a multifaceted treatment approach
- Decide whether to start a short-acting opioid analgesic or a low dose of a long-acting opioid analgesic, with or without short-acting **rescue doses** if break-through pain occurs
- Consider cost, tolerability, ease of administration, and **patient compliance**

STEP 2b

OPIOID THERAPY: STEPS OF INTERVENTION

- Titrate daily opioid dose to optimal effect
- Manage side effects aggressively
- Continue opioid therapy if the patient reports:
 - pain relief and / or*
 - improvement in selected areas of function and /or*
 - psychosocial functioning*
- Always consider **opioid rotation**
- Consider Genetic Variability

Purpose



 = purpose

... Medical Humanities ...



*La parola affettuosa dell'amico può curare il dolore.
An affectionate word from a friend can cure sadness.
La palabra afectuosa del amigo sabe curar el dolor.
Un mot affectueux de l'ami peut soigner la douleur.*

Menandro (n.362)