

# Exercise and Asthma: What patients and doctors can do to improve outcomes

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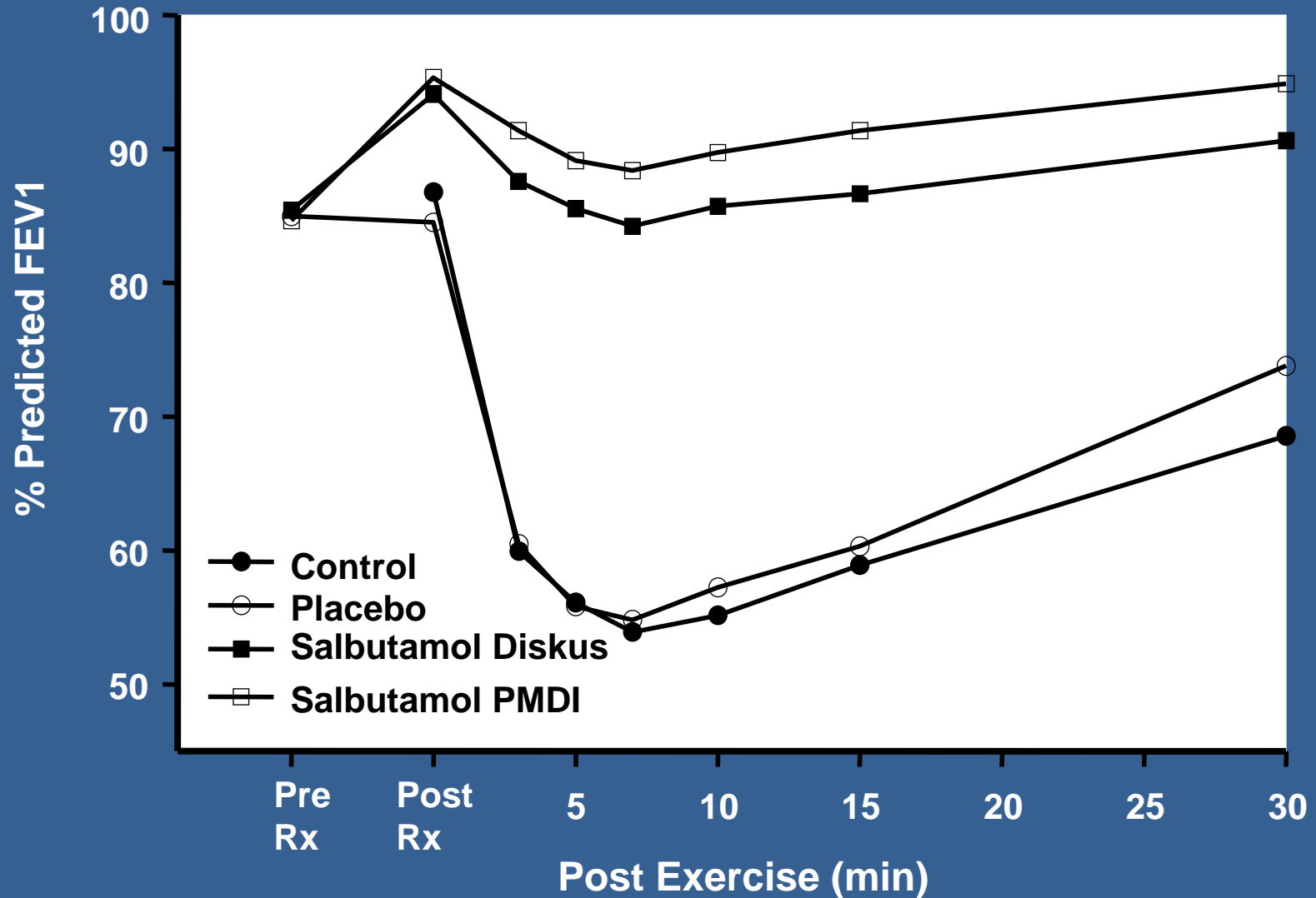
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# Changes in FEV1 Before & After 8 minutes Cycling Exercise in 27 adult asthmatics



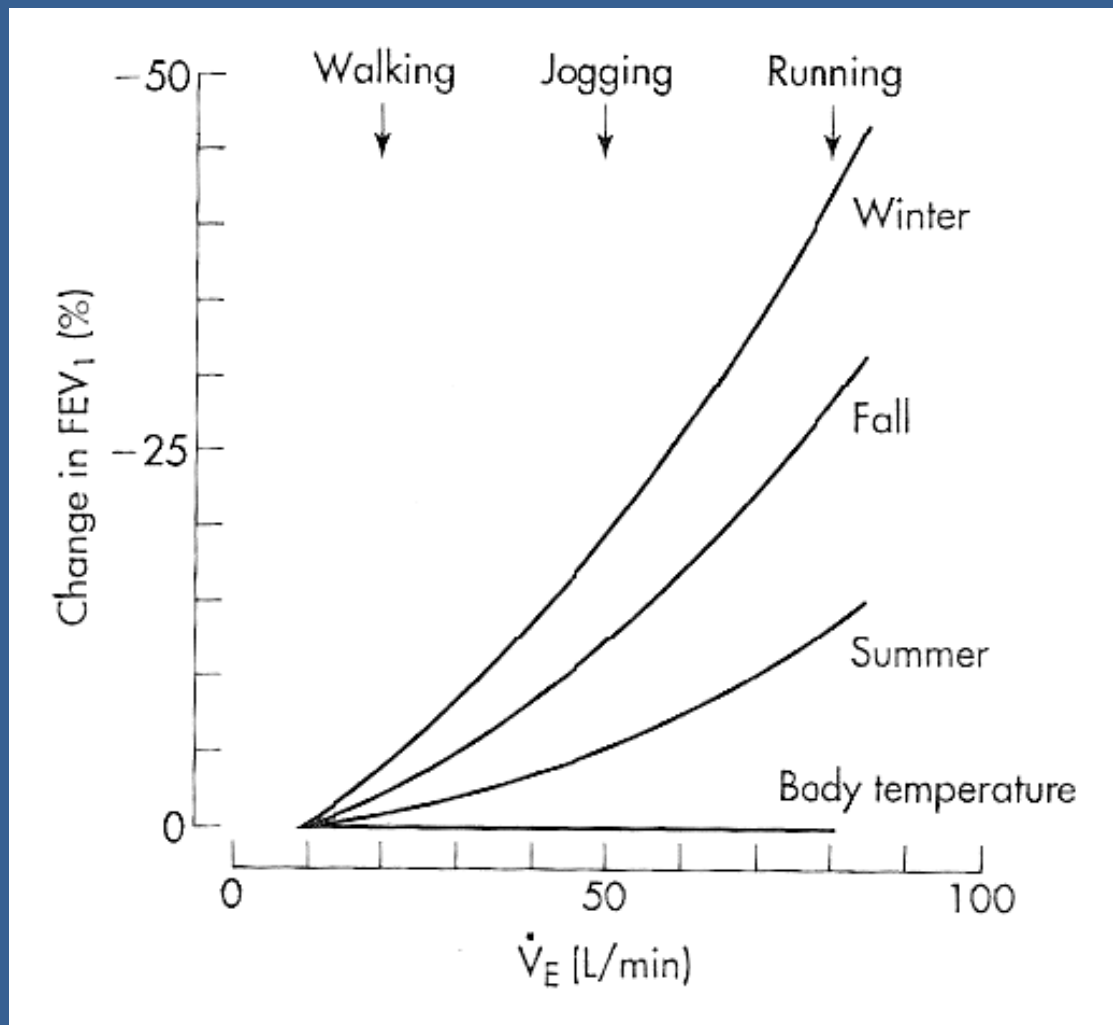
Anderson SD et al Med Sci Sports Exerc 2001; 33:893-900.

# What causes EIB?

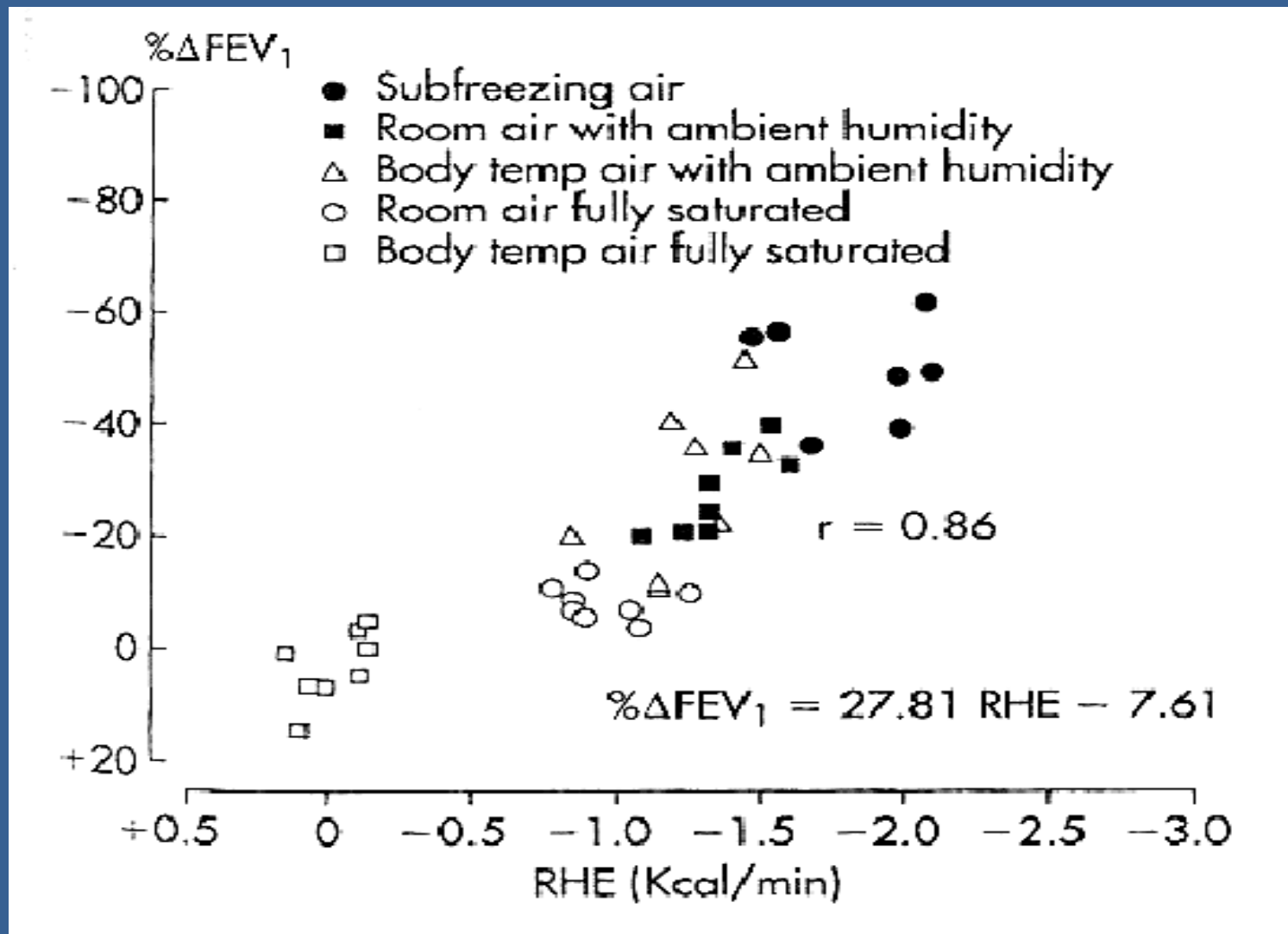
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- McFadden ER, Gilbert IA. Exercise-induced asthma, NEJM 1994;330 (19):1362-7.

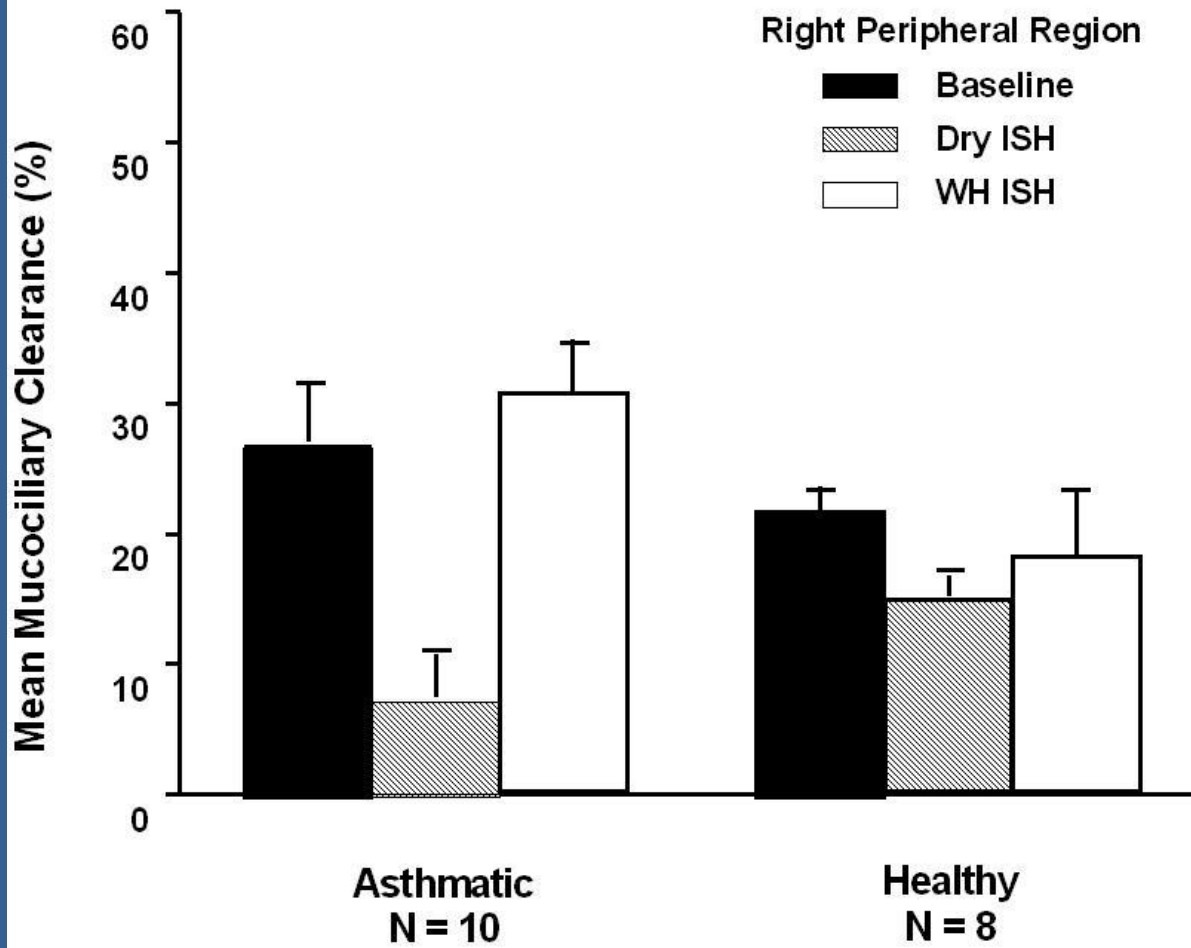


**RHE= Respiratory Heat Exchange**

- From Deal EC Jr, McFadden ER Jr, Ingram RH Jr, et al: J Appl Physiol 57:608-609, 1984



## Hyperpnea with Dry Air Reduces Mucociliary Clearance



Reproduced from Daviskas E, Anderson SD, Gonda I, Chan HK, Cook P, Fulton R. Changes in mucociliary clearance during and after isocapnic hyperventilation in asthmatic and healthy subjects. *Eur Respir J* 1995;8:742-751.

# Inflammatory Cells in sputum with EIB

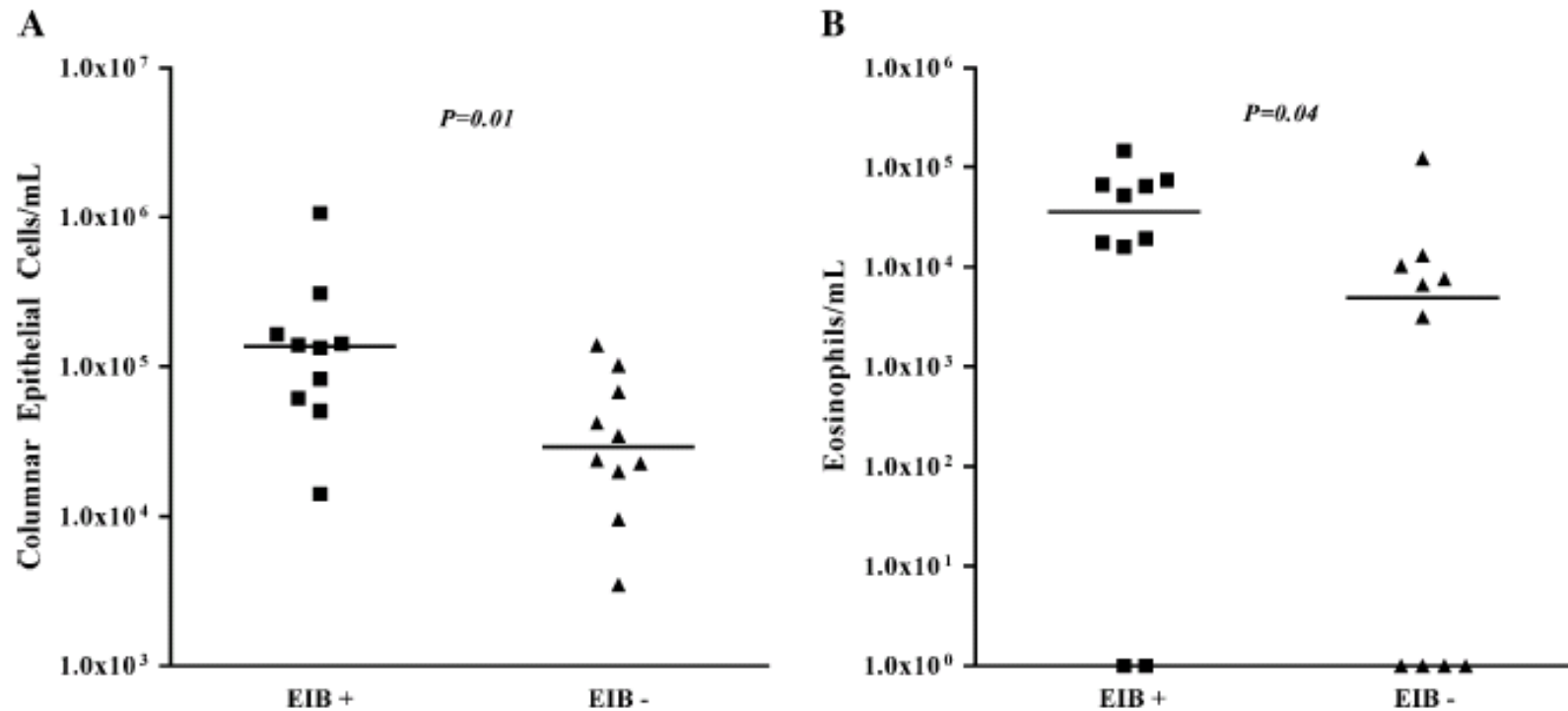
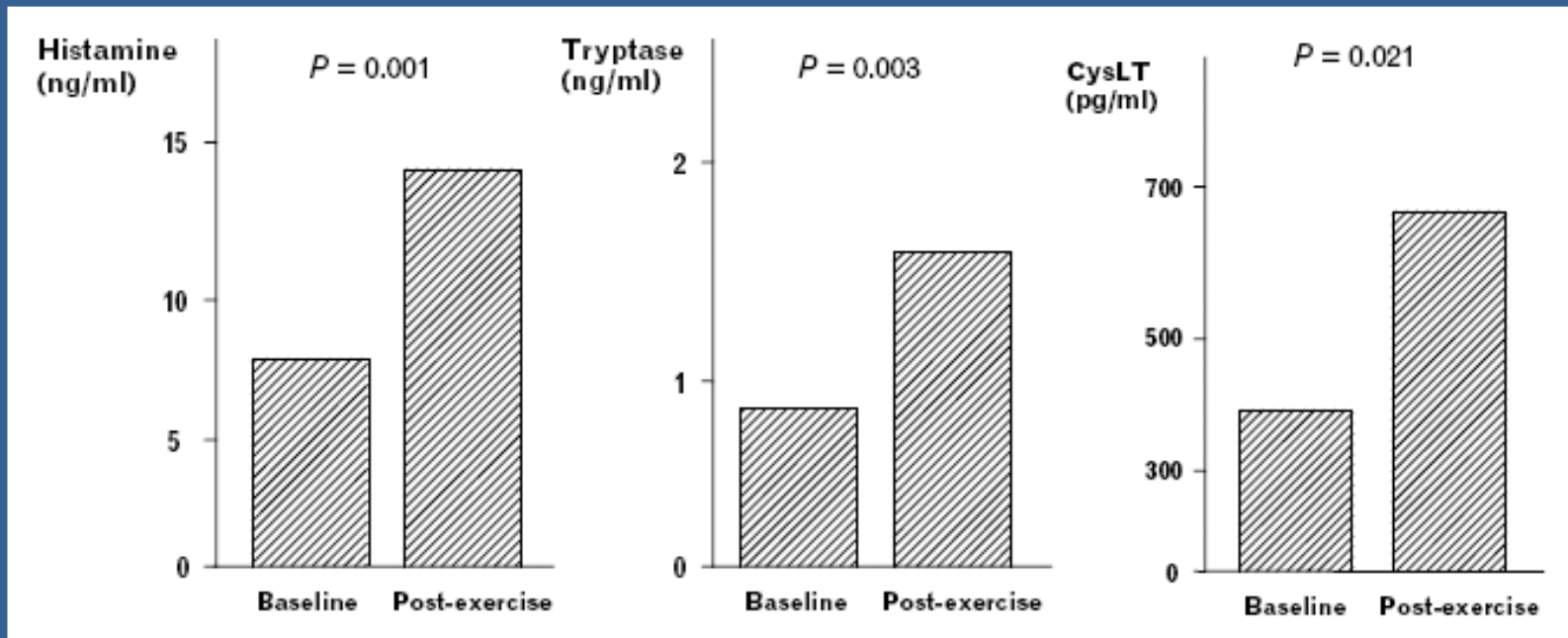


FIG 3. Comparison of the concentration of columnar epithelial cells (A) and the concentration of eosinophils (B) in induced sputum between asthmatic subjects with EIB and asthmatic control subjects without EIB. The median concentration of columnar epithelial cells and eosinophils was higher in the group with EIB.

# Inflammatory mediators in EIB



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# DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS FOR EIB

- Asthma
- Pulmonary diseases other than asthma: bronchitis, pneumonia, emphysema, pulmonary embolism, CF, croup, bronchiolitis
- GE reflux
- Anaphylaxis
- Severe nasal congestion
- Laryngeal dysfunction, VCD
- Carcinoid tumor
- Cardiac
- Poor conditioning

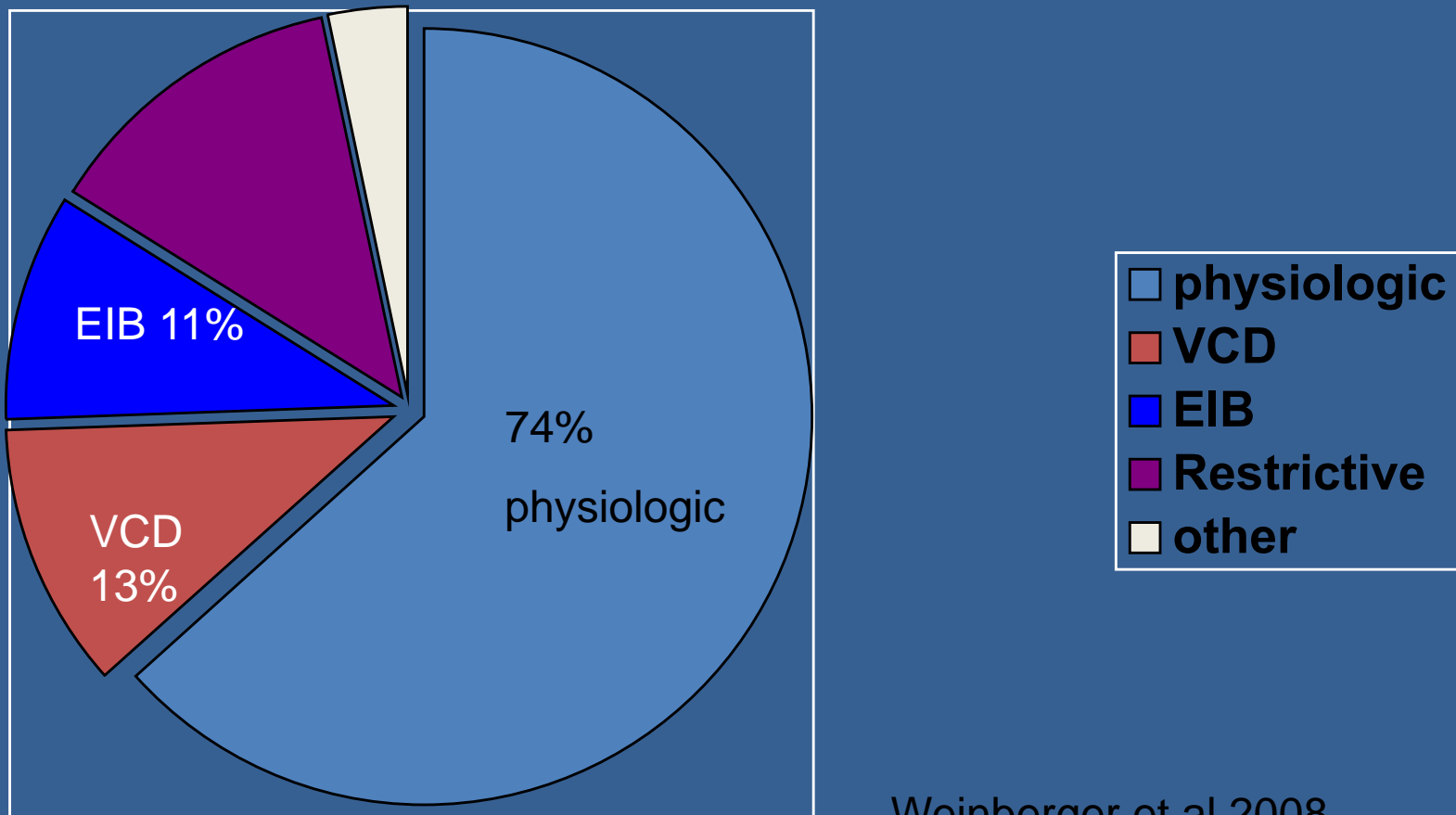
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# Percent diagnosis of 117 children with exercised induced dyspnea diagnosed by treadmill



Weinberger et al 2008



# Is the history of EIB reliable in athletes?

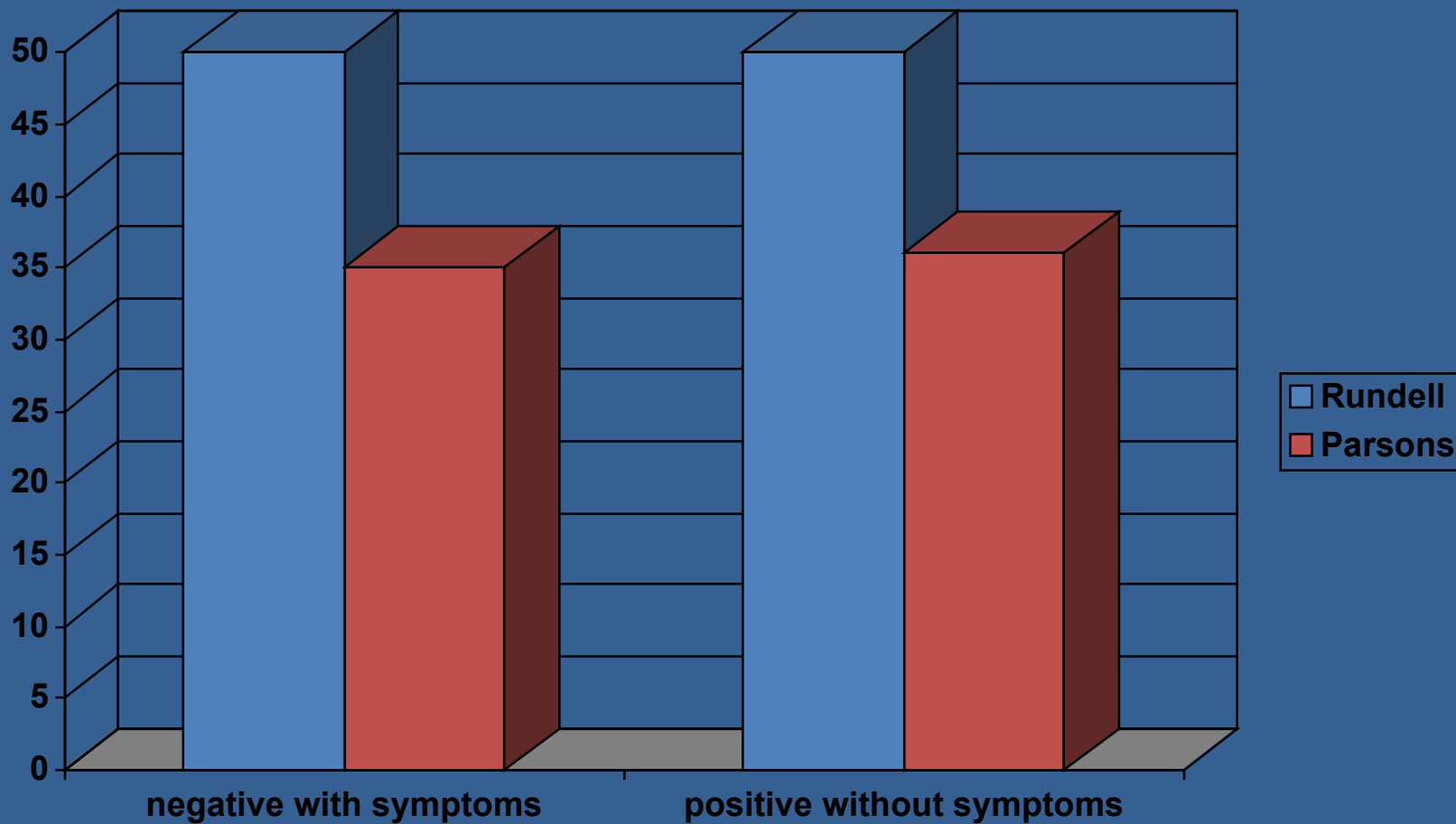
- A. No
- B. Yes

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- Answer: no

# Exercise challenge Results in Athletes with Symptoms of EIB



# Evaluation:

- Detailed history and exam
- Prevented by albuterol before exercise.
- PFT pre and post beta-agonists
- Challenge test, but what type?
  - free run
  - controlled exercise challenge
  - surrogate challenge

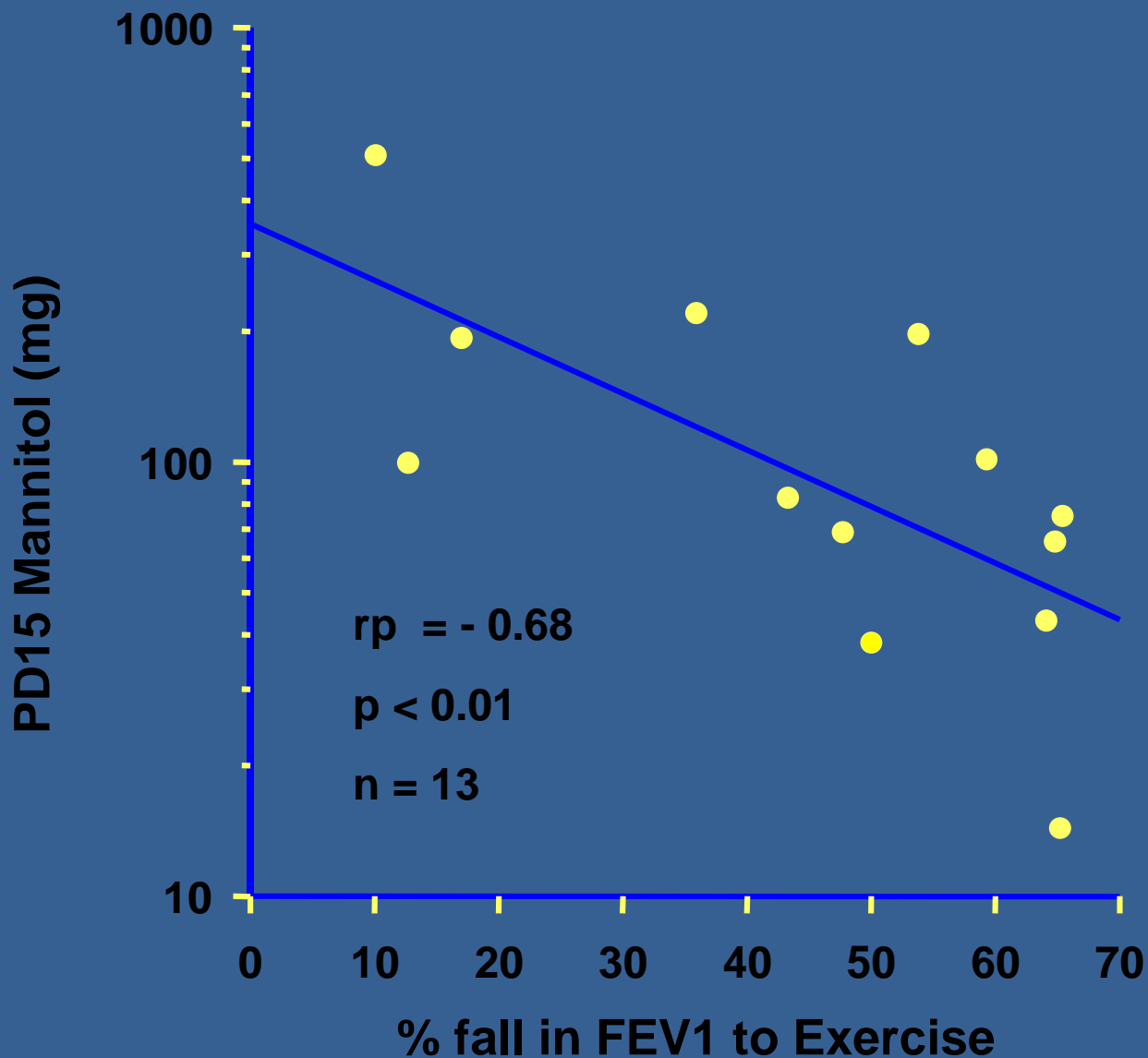
# Exercise Challenge: external source dry air

Step	Duration	Target HR	Treadmill Rate	Treadmill Incline
1	2 minutes	50% MHR	2.5 mph	0%
2	2 minutes	70% MHR	increase	increase
3	6 minutes	>80% MHR	increase	increase

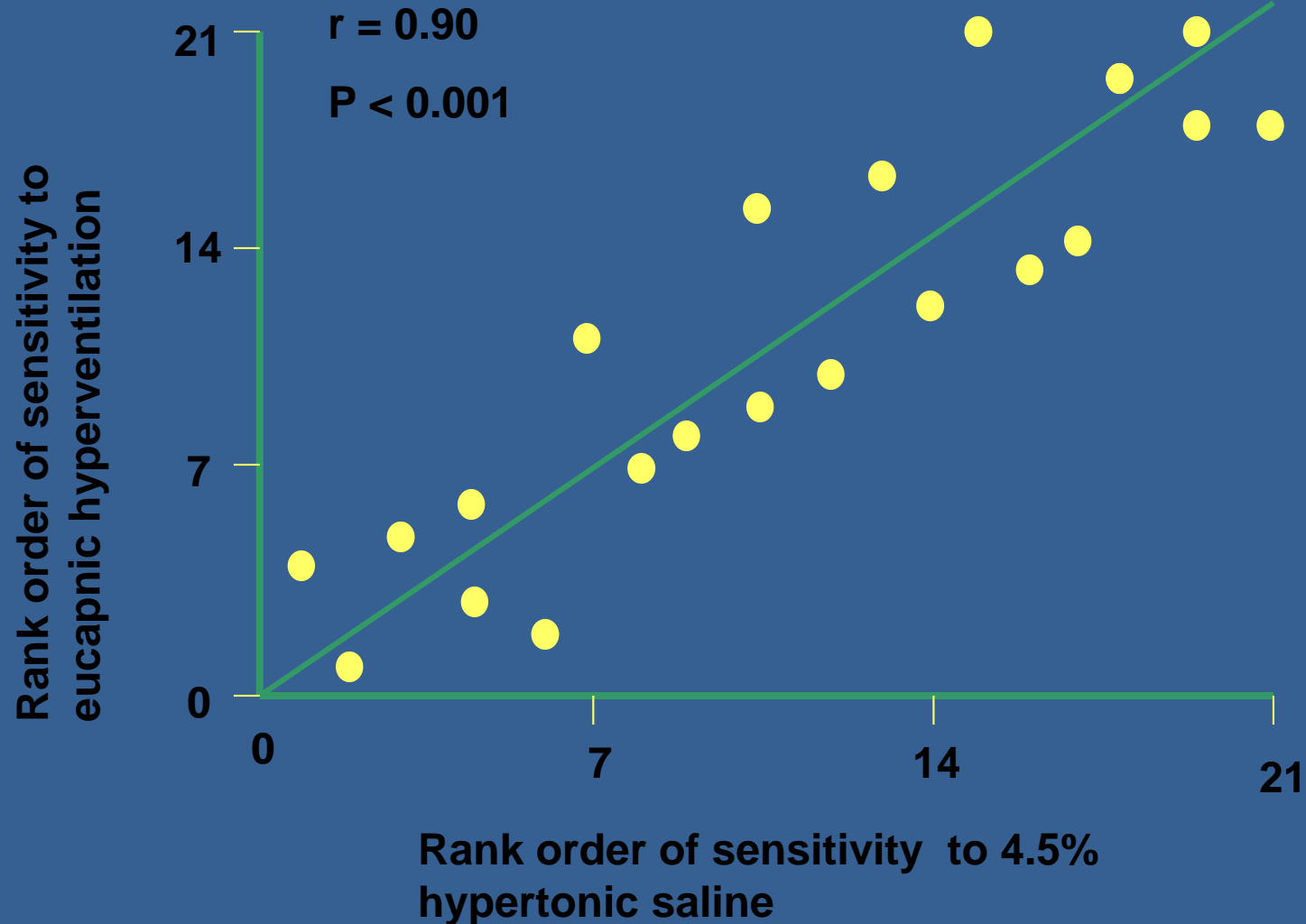
# Positive test

- Adequate test is 8 minutes with >80% MHR achieved in 2 minutes, with 6 minutes at MHR
- Ventilation should be 40-60% MVV
- Positive EST: symptoms with 10% or more drop in FEV-1
- If negative on treadmill do a “in venue challenge” in children or surrogate test for adults

# % fall in FEV1 after exercise in relation to PD15 to mannitol



# Relationship of sensitivity to EVH & sensitivity to 4.5% saline





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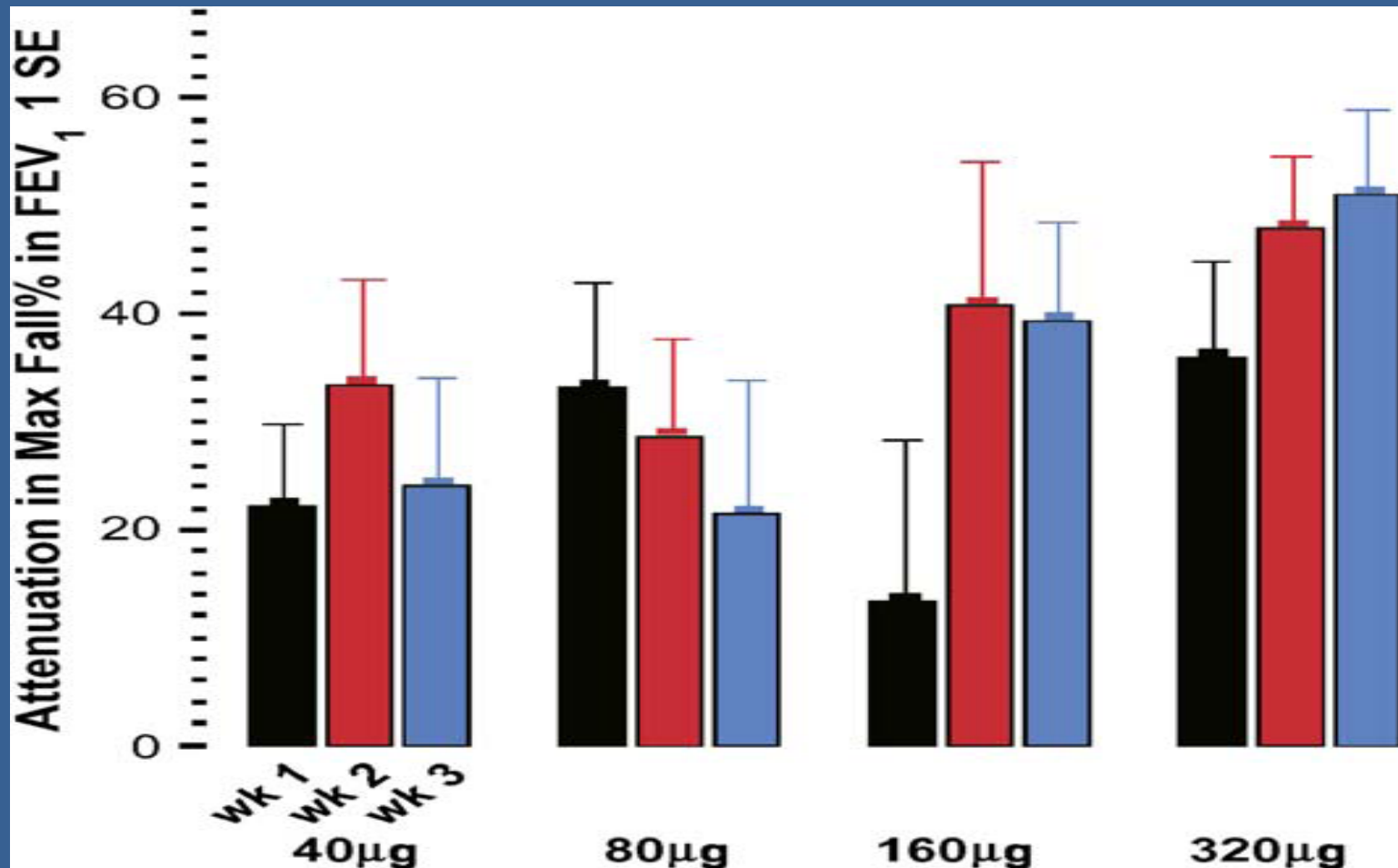
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- Ans:

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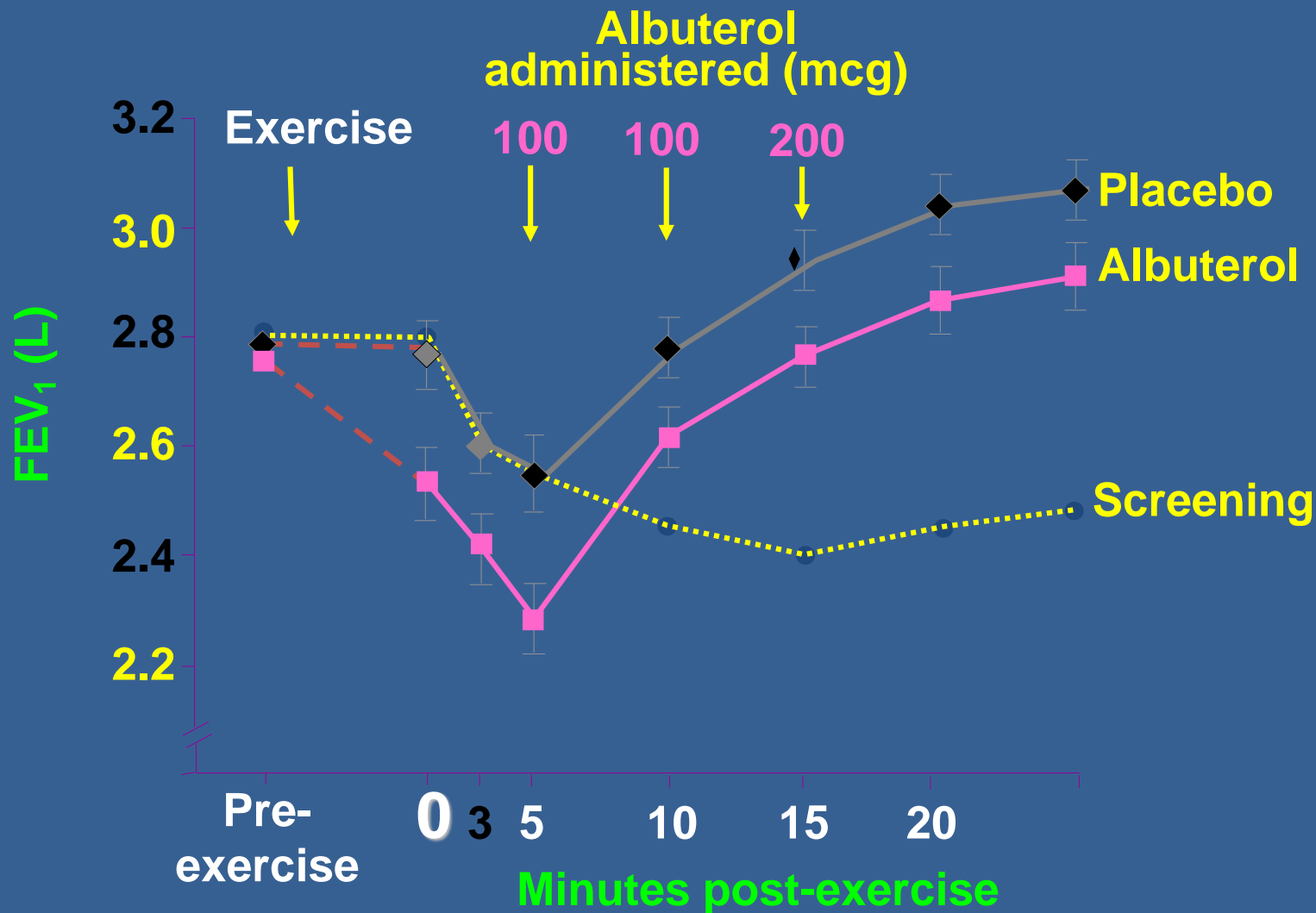
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# Effect of progressive doses of ICS on EIA

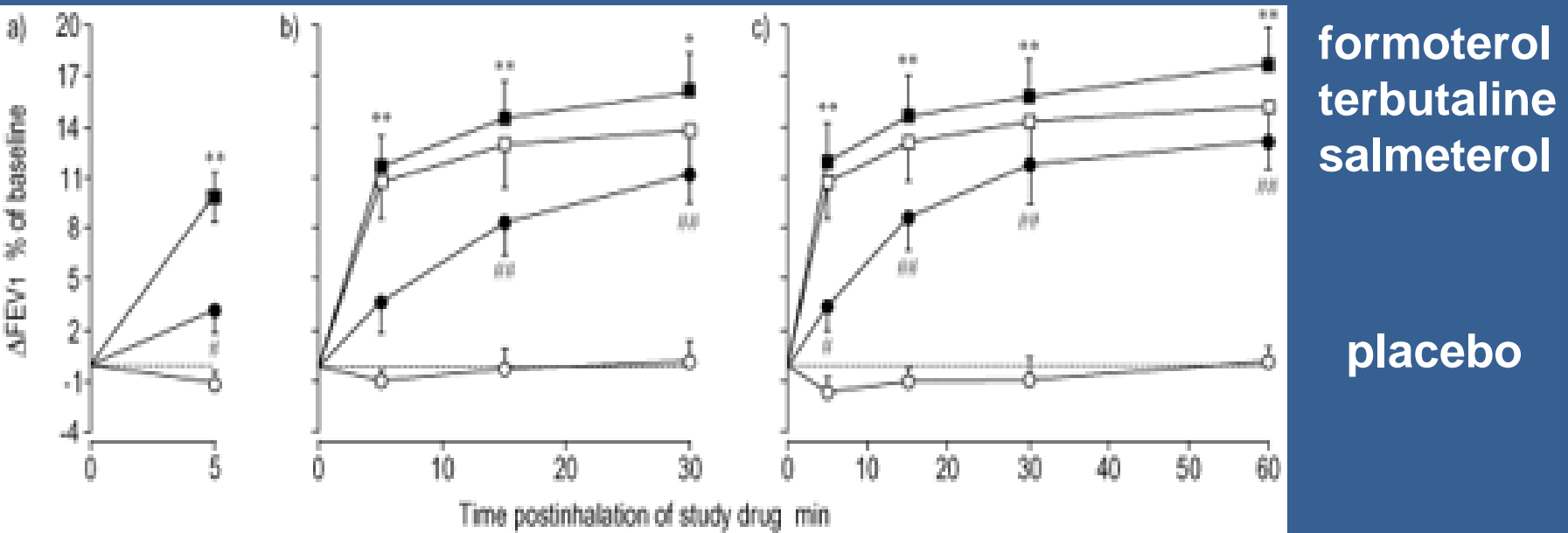
Average attenuation of EIA was 30% for all doses, but with 25% in low doses and 50% in higher doses of qd ciclesonide, compared to up to 65 to 80% in other bid studies

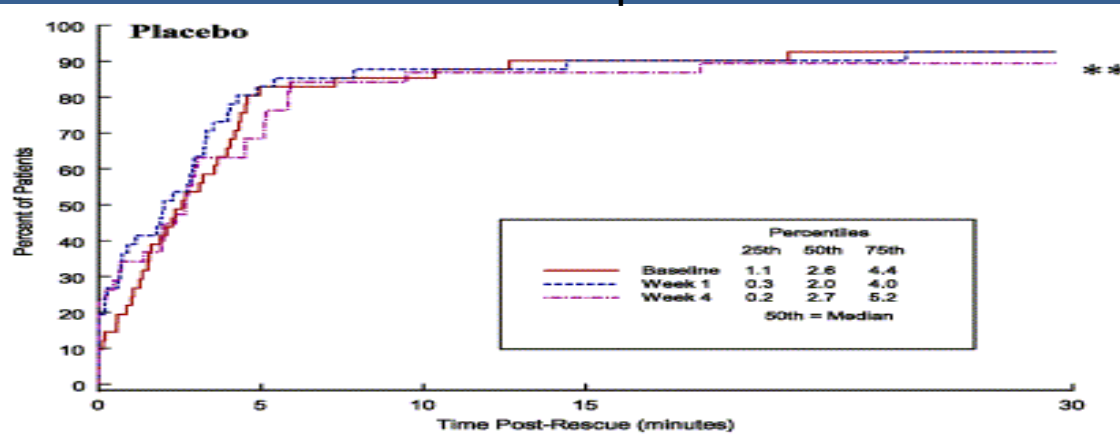


# Regular Use of Beta-agonists May Lead to Increased EIB

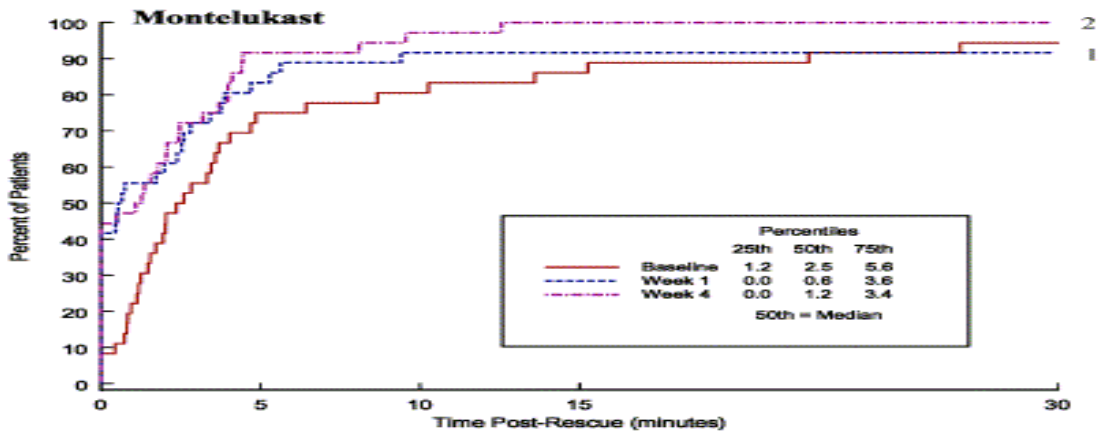


# Comparing salmeterol, formoterol and terbutaline for EIA by change in % FEV-1 over time

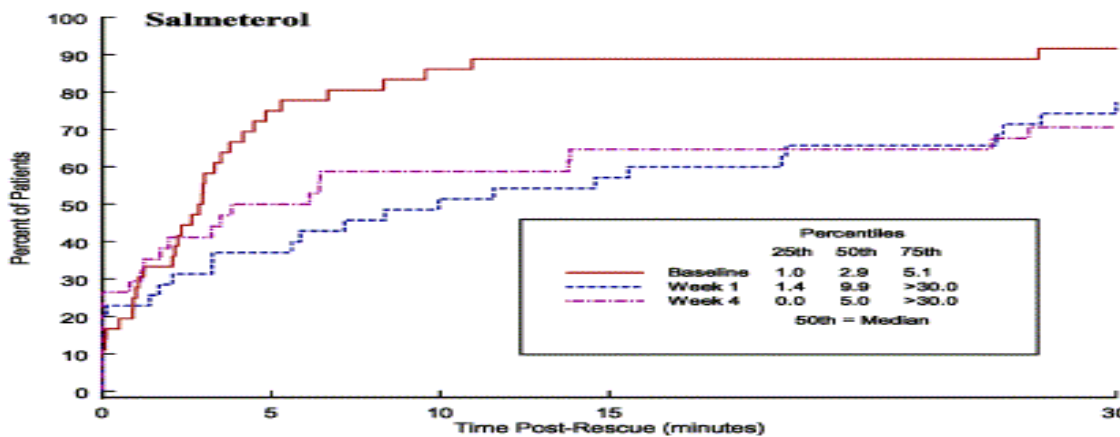




Placebo's effect on % of patients responding post albuterol in minutes at week 0, 1 and week 4

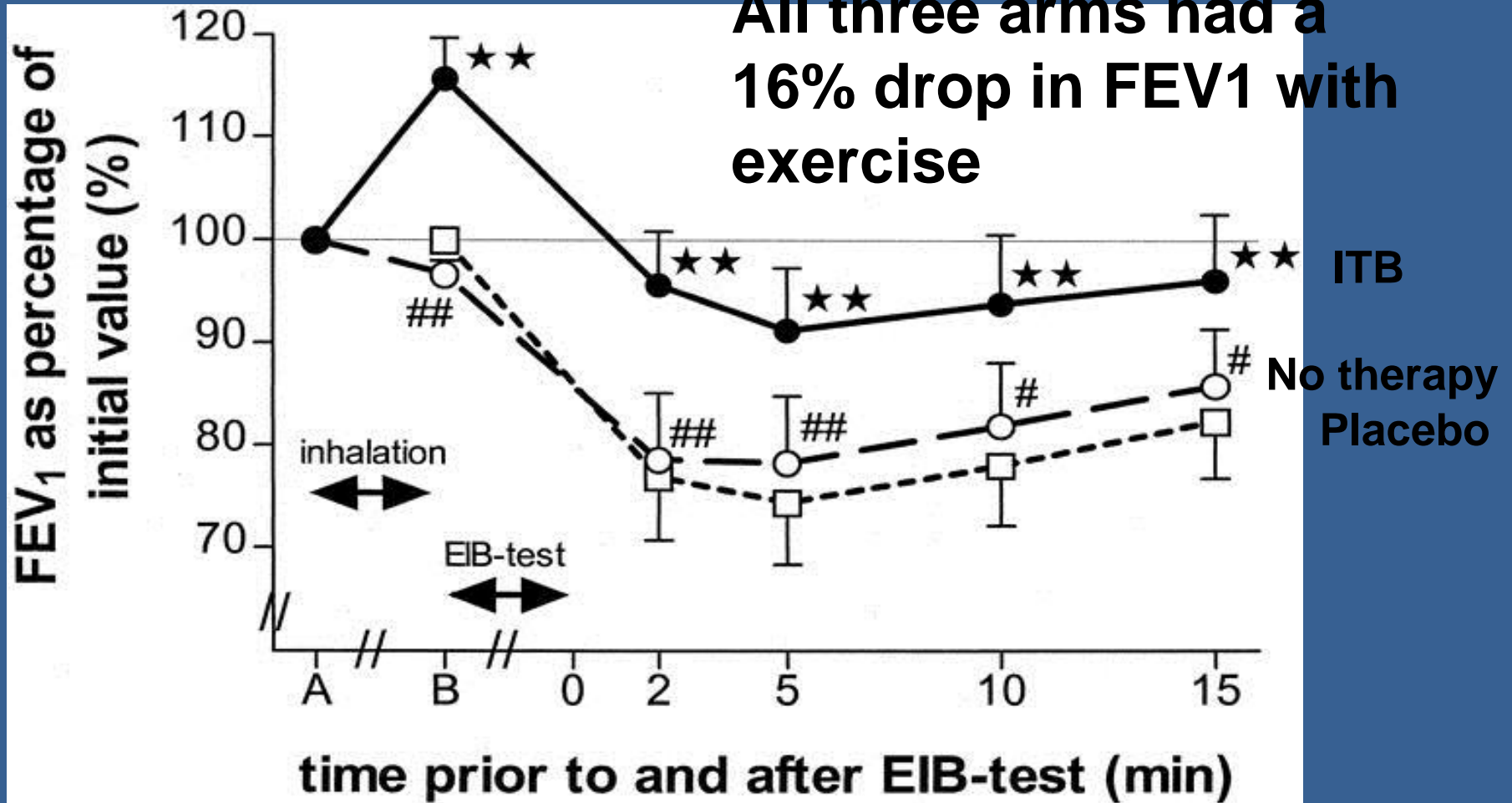


Montelukast's effect on % of patients responding post albuterol in minutes at week 0, 1 and week 4



Salmeterol's effect on % of patients responding post albuterol in minutes at week 0, 1 and week 4

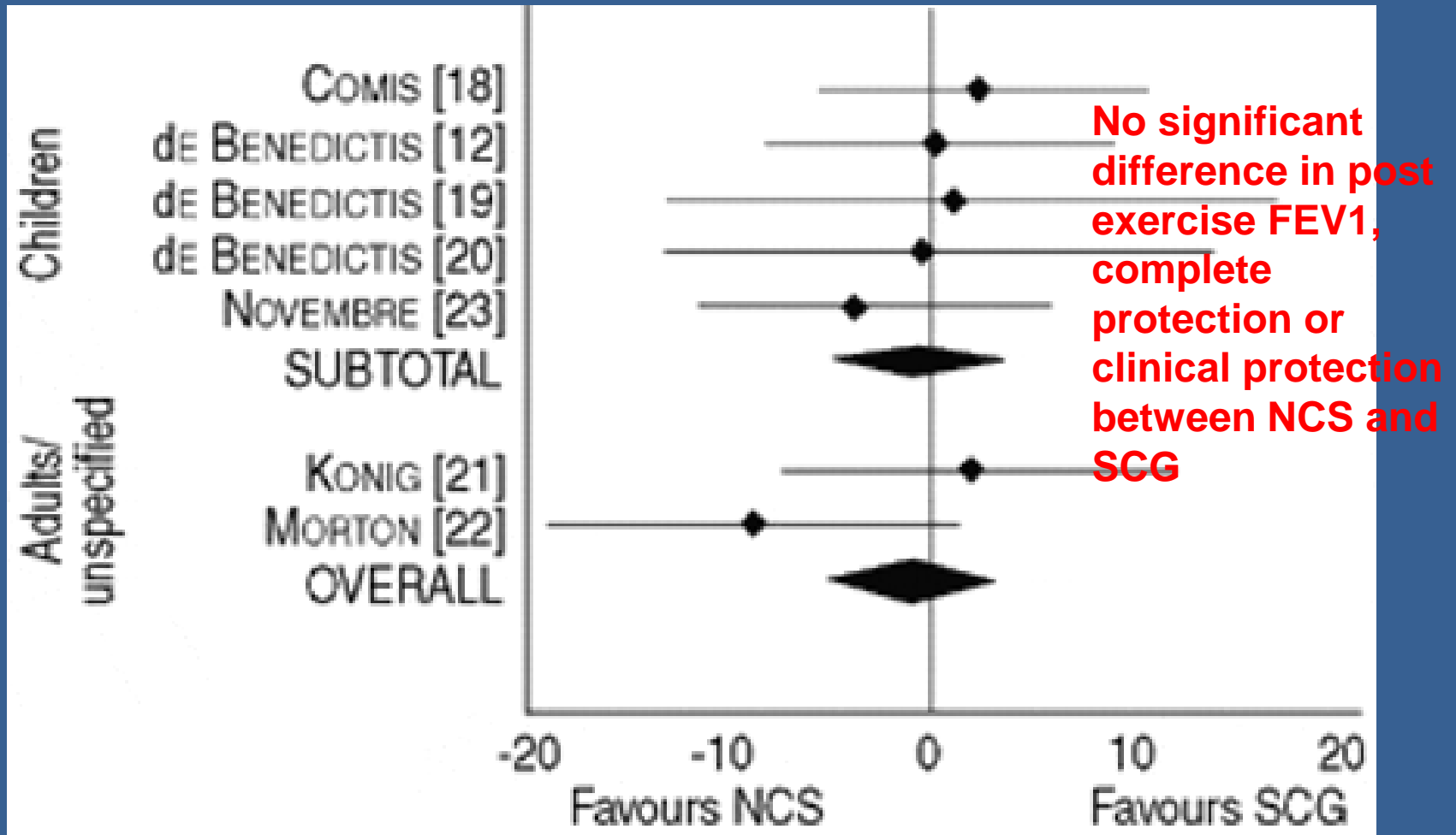
# Effect of ipratropium bromide on EIA



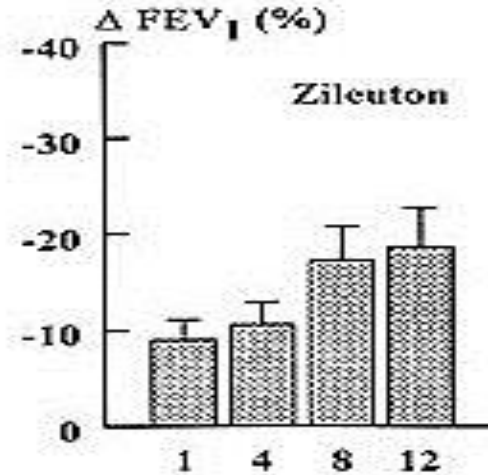
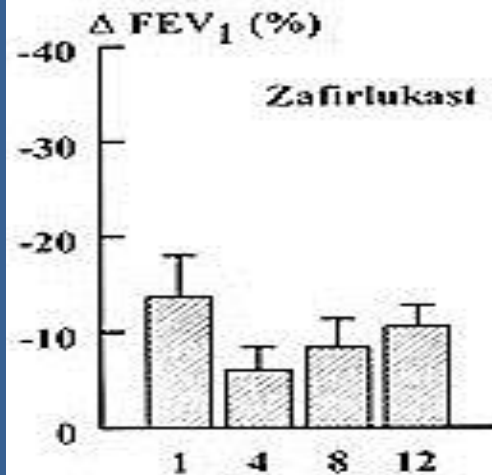
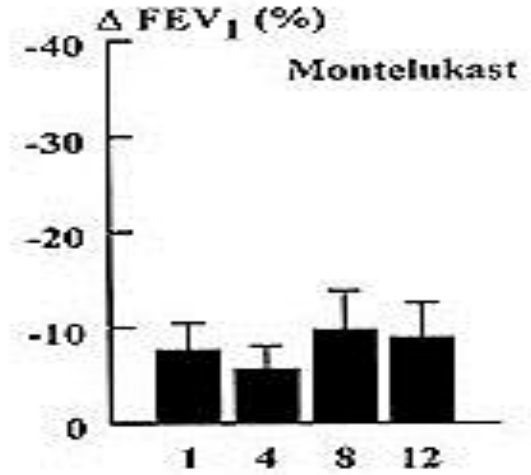
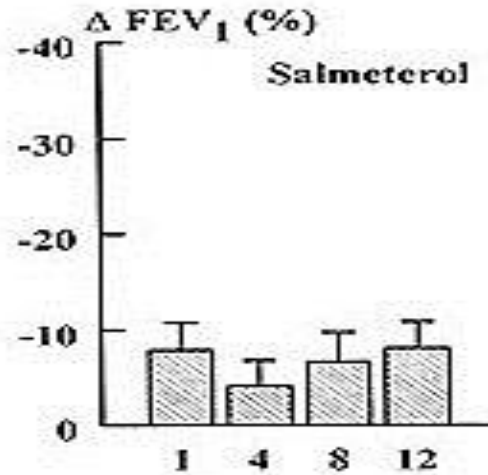
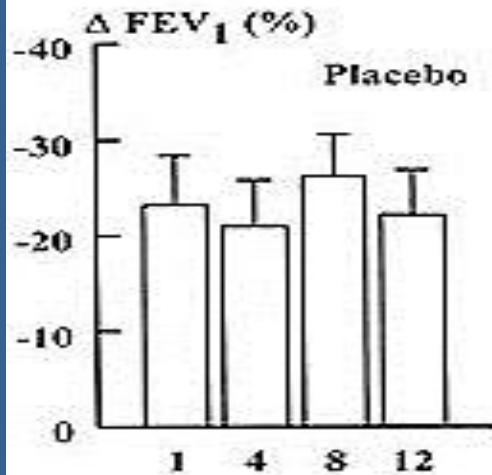


# Assessing effect of Nedocromil (NCS) and Cromolyn (SCG) on EIB

Max % decrease in FEV1



# Comparing salmeterol, montelukast, zileutin and placebo in change of FEV1 over hours after exercise



Time (hr)

No difference between montelukast, zafirlukast or salmeterol, but zileutin at 8 and 12 hours was less effective

Coreno et al. JACI. 2000: 106; 500-6

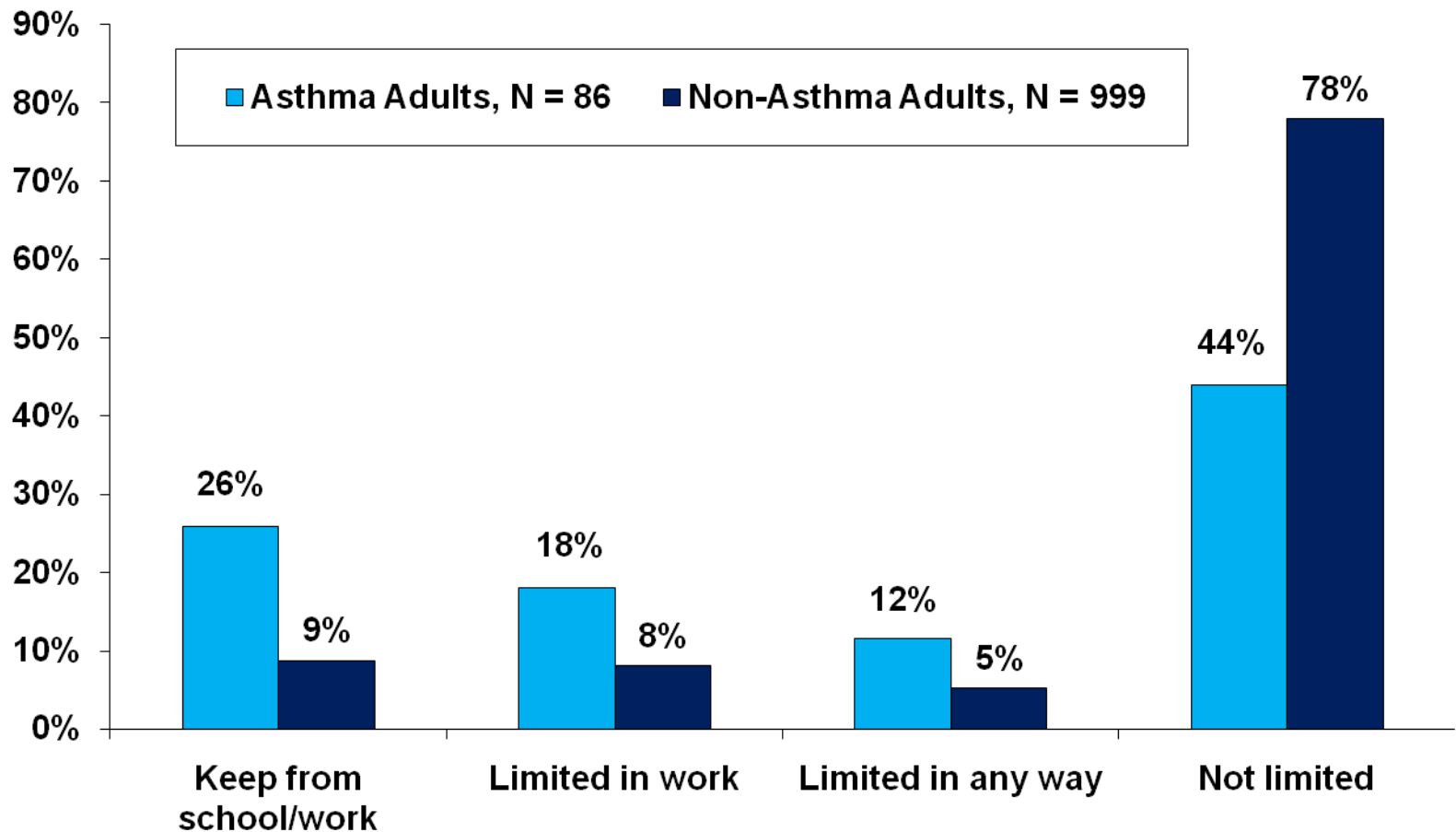
# Other Therapies

- Warming up
  - Salt restriction
  - Hydration
  - Fish oil
  - Magnesium
  - Anti-oxidants vitamins
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- Alternative therapies should not replace traditional therapies since data supporting their use are limited.

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# Impact of Health on Activities



Q2a. Does your health keep you from going to school or working?

Q2b. Are you limited in the kind or amount of work you can do because of your health?

Q2c. Are your activities limited in any way by your health?

Base: Adult cross-section

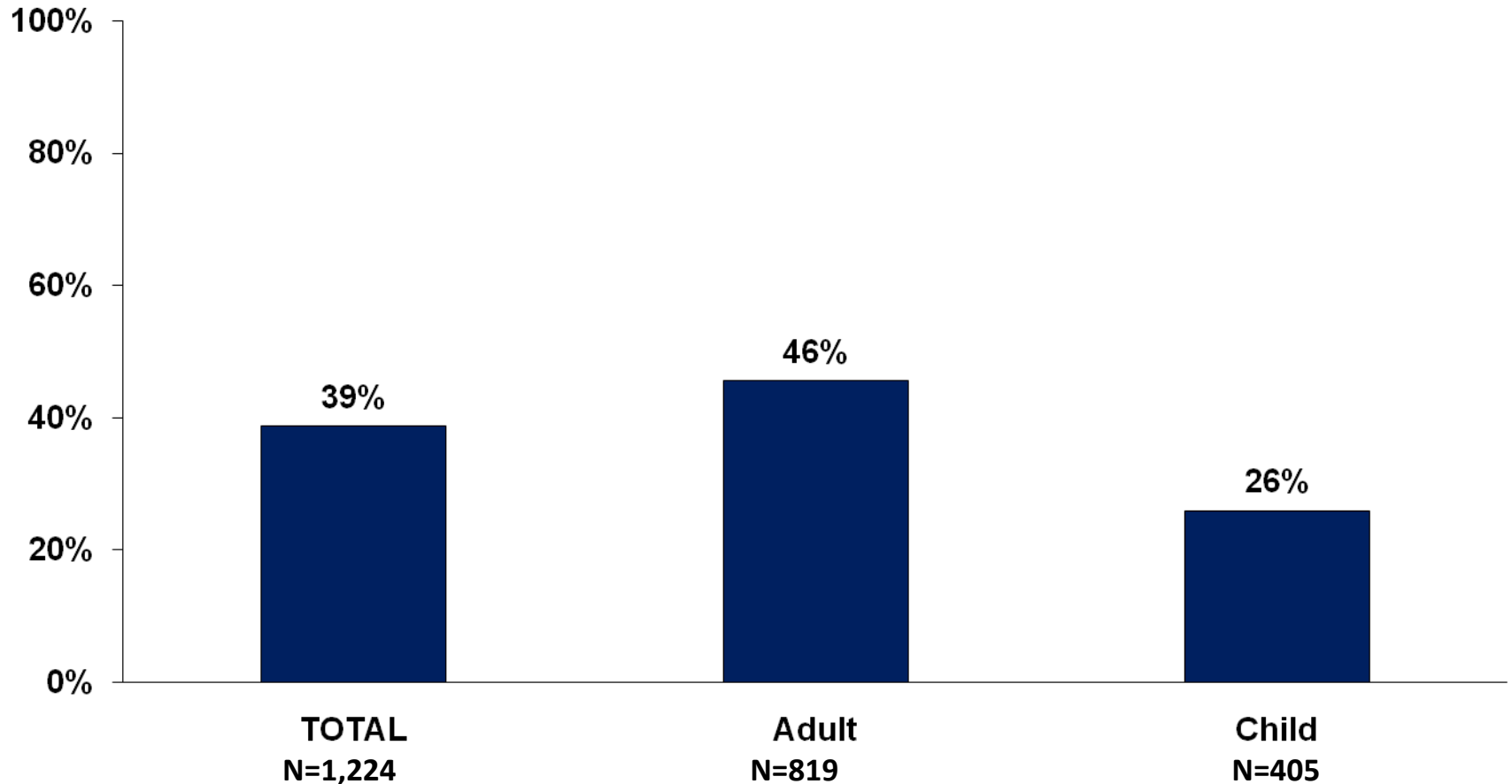
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# Avoid Activities Because of Symptoms

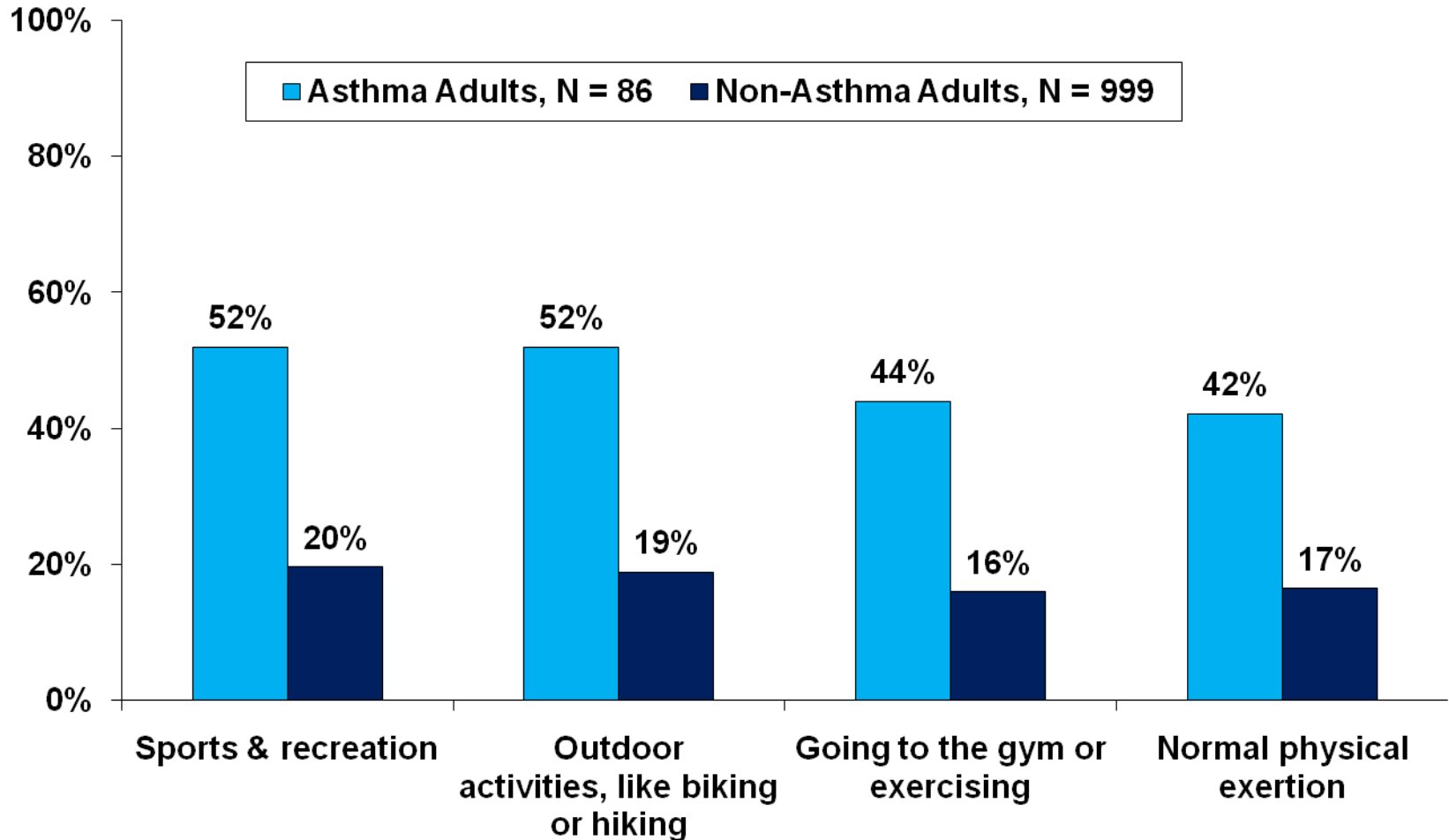


Q22a. Are there any activities that you would like to do, but avoid doing because of coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath after exercise, play or exertion?

Base: Asthma patients that experience symptoms DURING OR SHORTLY AFTER exercise



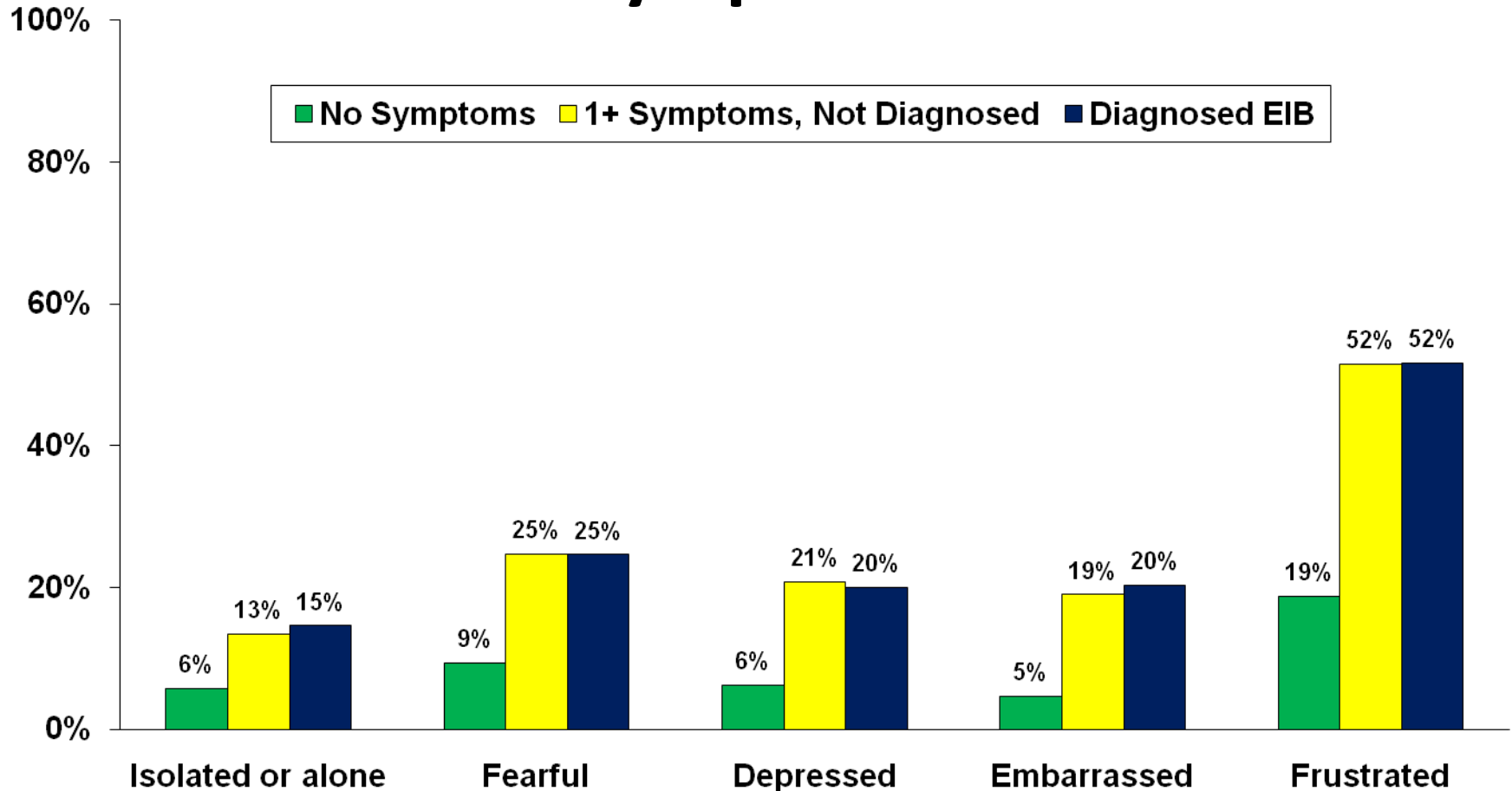
# Health Limits Activities: A Lot or Some



Q49. How much do you feel that your health limits what you can do in each of the following areas. Do you feel your health restricts you – a lot, some, only a little or not at all in....

Base: Adult cross-section

# Emotional Burden of Asthma by Symptoms



Q55. As a result of your asthma, how often do you feel . . . ? Often, sometimes, rarely, or never?

Base: All Asthma Patients, Unweighted N=1,517

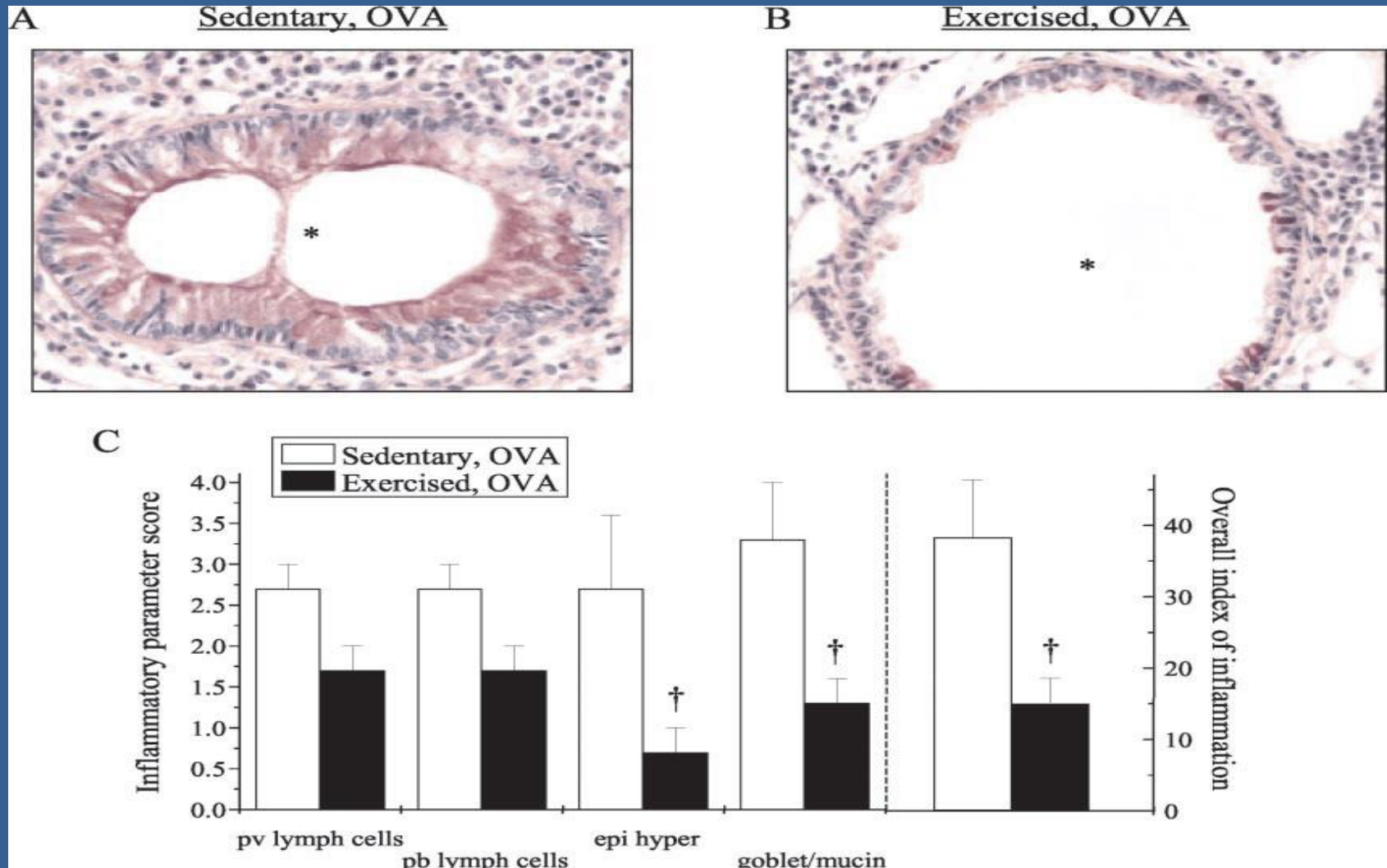
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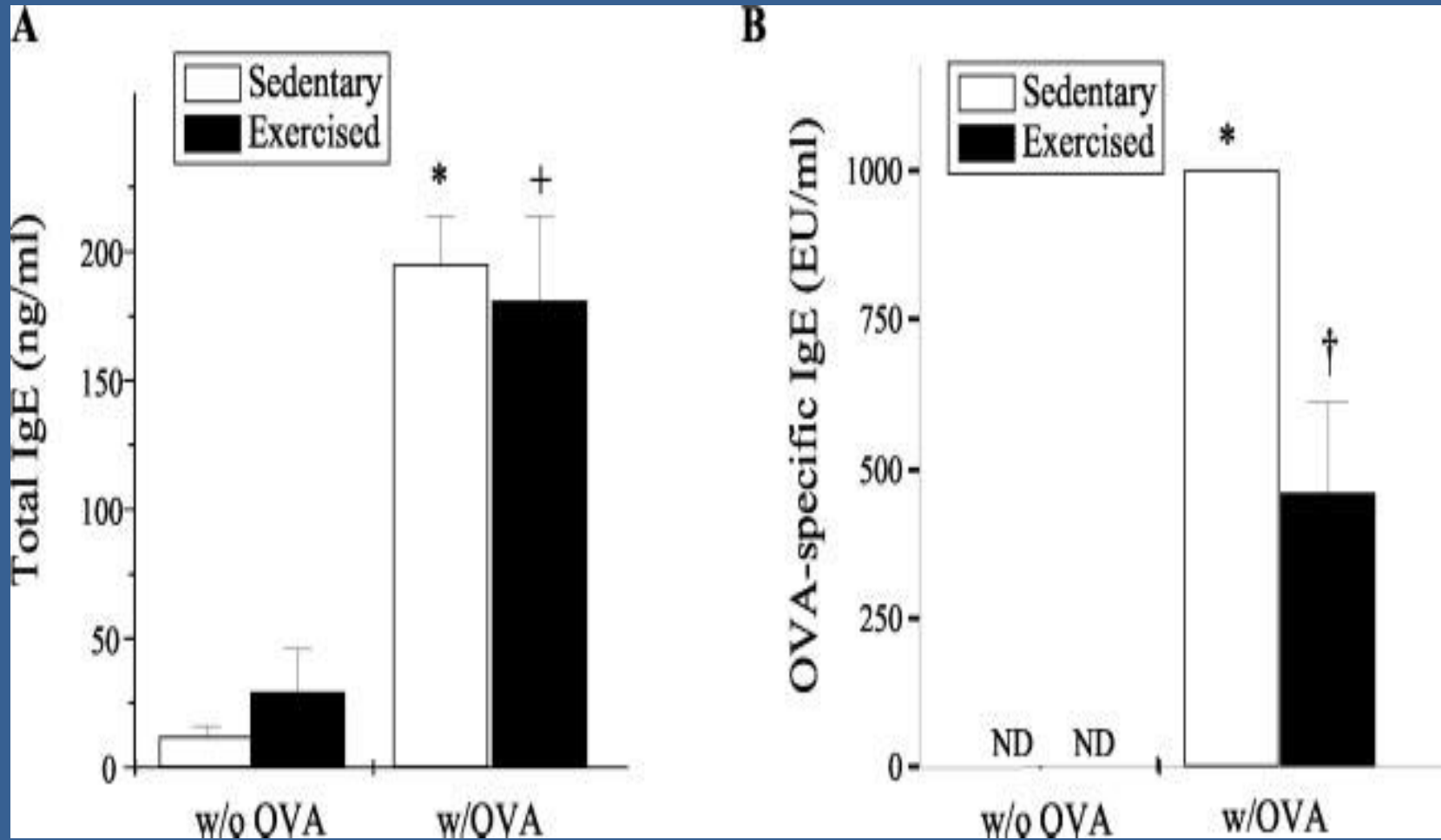
What is the importance of exercise in the mouse model with asthma



# Effect of exercise on inflammatory mediators of asthma

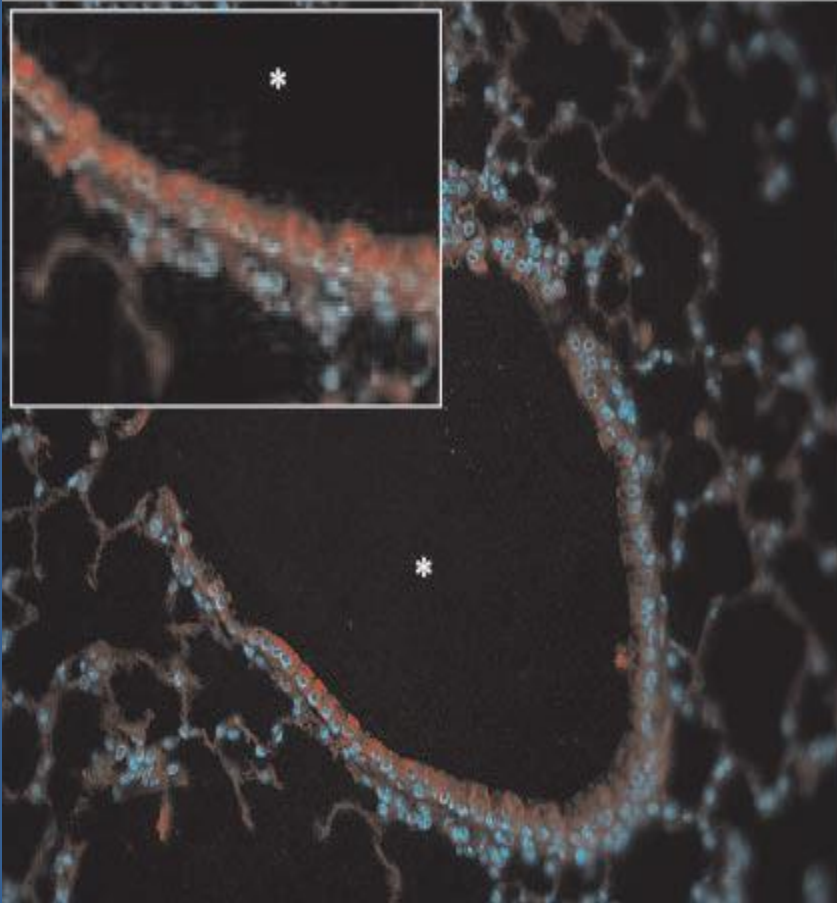


# IgE production in sedentary and exercising mice

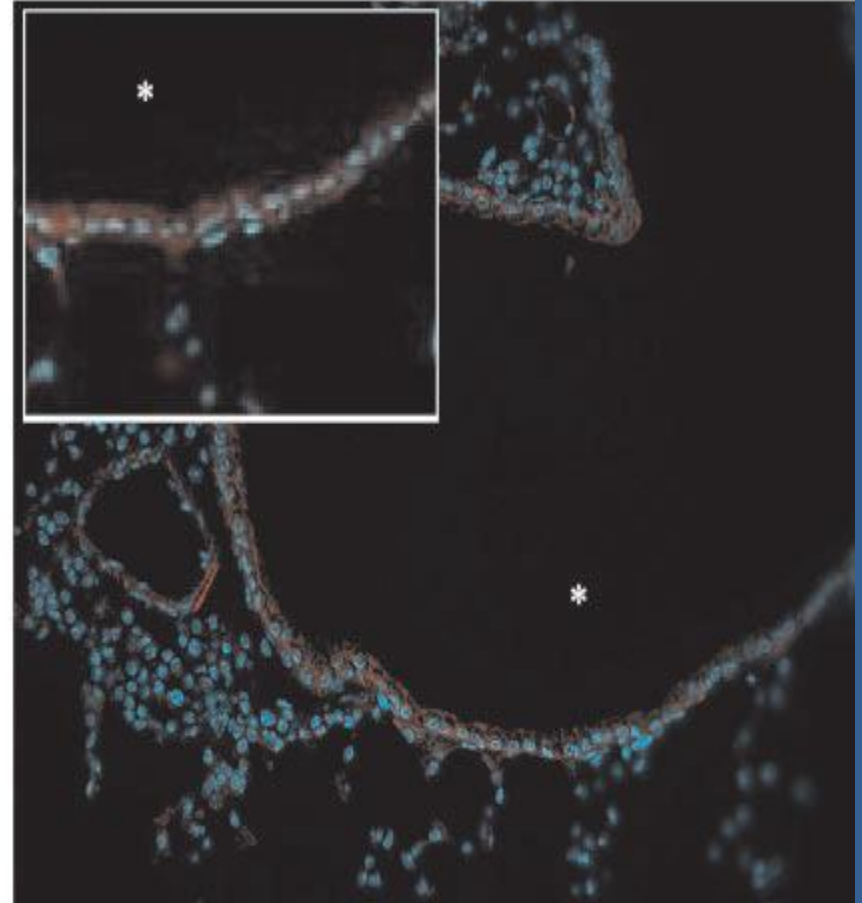


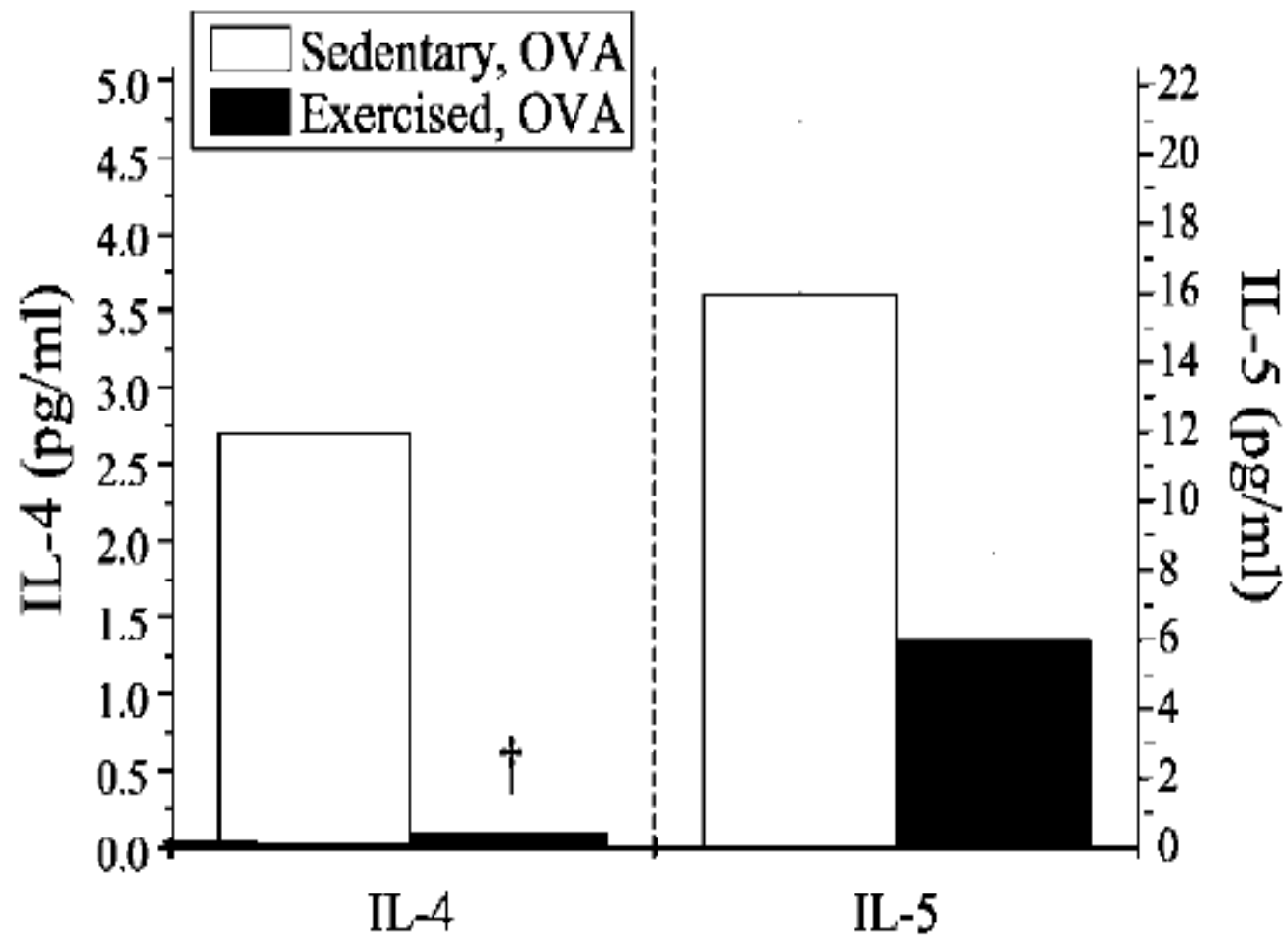
# Exercise decreased VCAM-1 surface expression in the lungs of OVA-sensitized mice

**A** Sedentary, OVA



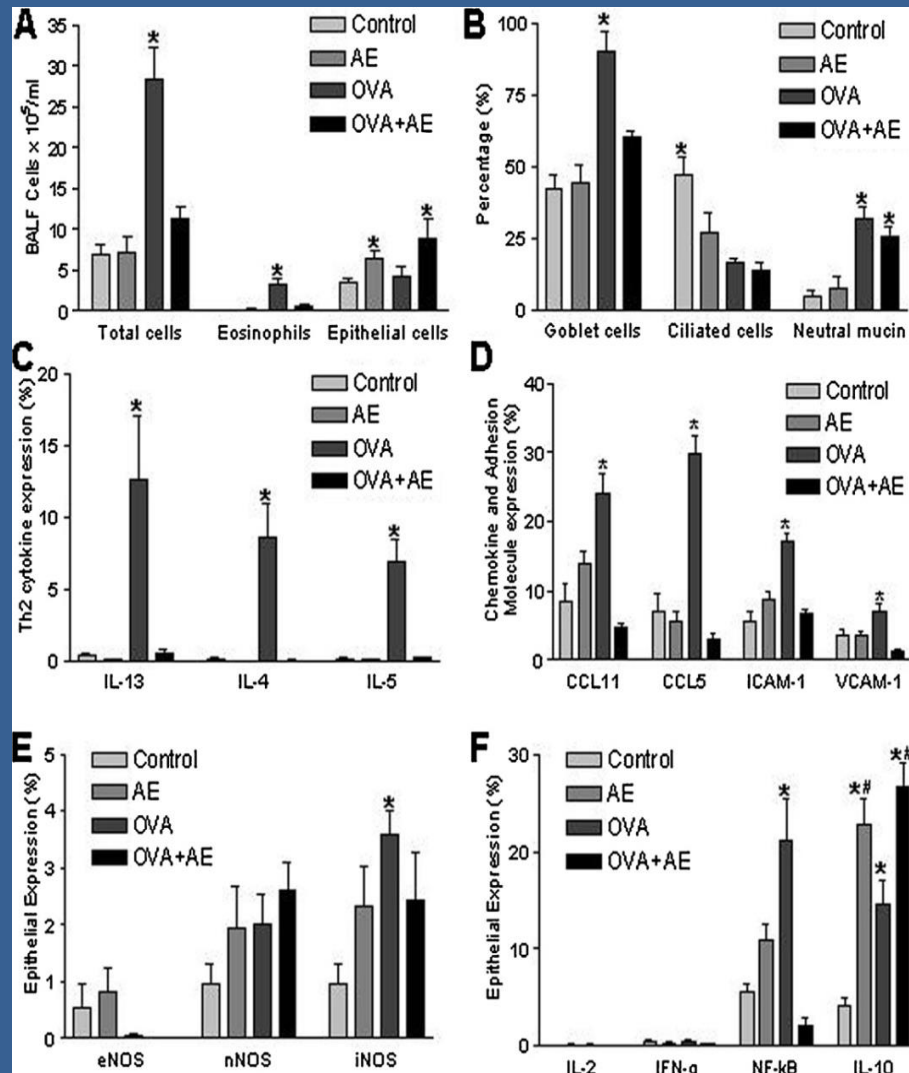
**B** Exercised, OVA







# The number of total cells, eosinophils and epithelial cells in the bronchoalveolar lavage



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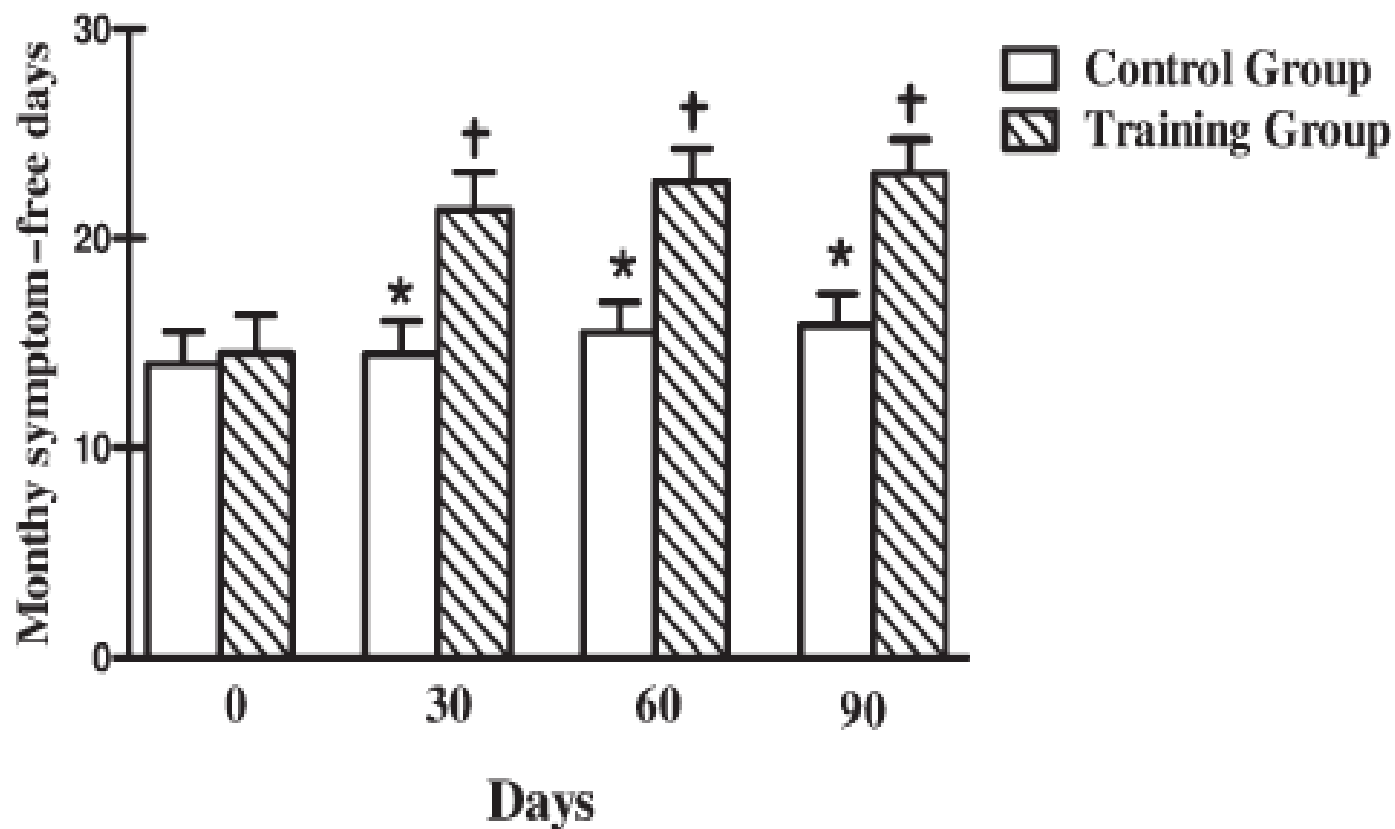
# Exercise Improves Asthma Outcomes “Quality of Life”

	Control Group		Exercise Group		
	Baseline (n=12)	Week 12 (n=11 <sup>†</sup> )	Baseline (n=18)	Week 12 (n=18)	Week 24 (n=15 <sup>‡</sup> )
<b>ACQ Questionnaire</b>	0.90±0.15	0.99±0.16 <sup>†</sup>	1.30±0.19	0.72±0.10 <sup>*</sup>	0.72±0.17 <sup>‡***</sup>
<b>ACQ with Spirometry</b>	1.06±0.10 <sup>#</sup>	0.80±0.14	1.37±0.21	0.95±0.11	1.02±0.18
<b>Perceived Asthma Control</b>	2.33±0.19	2.25±0.18 <sup>†</sup>	2.56±0.15	1.94±0.10 <sup>^</sup>	2.00±0.13 <sup>‡***</sup>
<b>Mini-AQLQ</b>	5.79±0.15	5.90±0.17 <sup>†</sup>	5.01±0.21	5.84±0.17	6.11±0.21 <sup>‡***</sup>
<b>Maximal VO<sub>2</sub></b>	2.66±0.27	2.77±0.29	2.63±0.20	2.88±0.21	3.00±0.27 <sup>***</sup>
<b>Submaximal V<sub>E</sub>/VO<sub>2</sub></b>	23.21±0.73	23.64±0.80	24.89±1.08	23.78±0.74 <sup>^</sup>	24.35±0.90
<b>Maximal V<sub>E</sub>/VO<sub>2</sub></b>	28.46±0.88	28.65±1.39	28.84±1.02	27.44±0.78	28.48±1.17
<b>Submaximal DI</b>	0.42±0.03	0.42±0.02	0.45±0.02	0.48±0.03 <sup>^</sup>	0.54±0.03 <sup>***</sup>
<b>Maximal DI</b>	0.68±0.04	0.69±0.04	0.73±0.04	0.77±0.04	0.84±0.04

ACQ: Asthma Control Questionnaire; AQLQ: Asthma Quality of Life Questionnaire; VO<sub>2</sub>: Oxygen uptake; V<sub>E</sub>: Ventilation; DI: Dyspnea Index

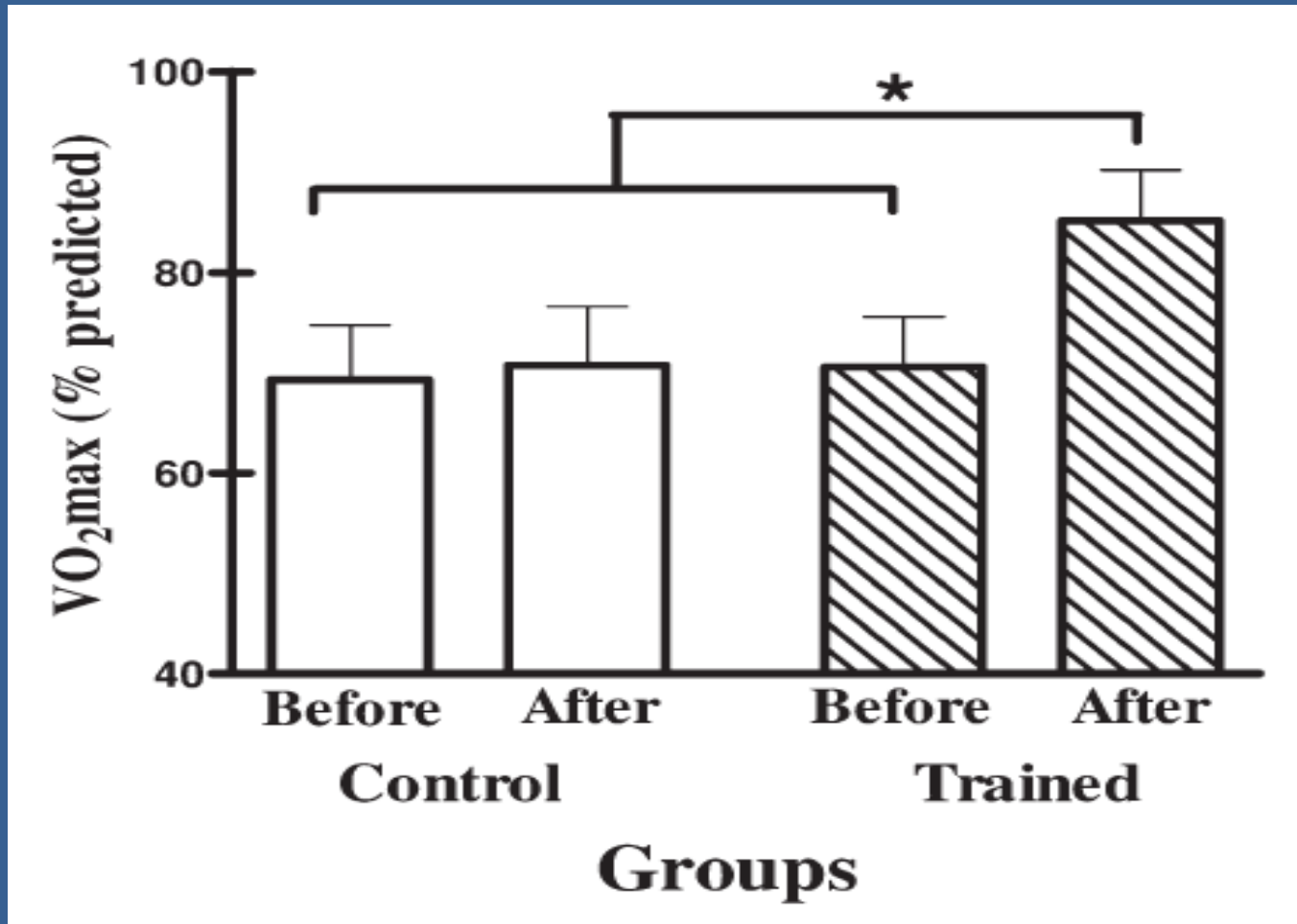
<sup>†</sup>n=12 for paper measurements only; <sup>‡</sup>n=17 for paper measurements only; <sup>#</sup> significant differences at baseline between control and exercise group; \*p<0.05 between groups from T1 to T2; \*\* p< 0.05 within exercise group from T2 to T3; \*\*\*p<0.05 within exercise group from T1 to T3; <sup>^</sup> statistical trend from T1 to T2; p<0.10.

# Exercise Improves Asthma Outcomes “Symptom Free Days”



# Exercise Improves Asthma Outcomes

## “Oxygen consumption”



# Exercise in children: all compared to open label conventional treated group

author	duration	frequency	type	P value Subject #
Basaran 2006	2 months	1 hour, 3X a week	Aerobic, moderate	0.001 62
Fanelli 2007	4 months	1.5 hours, 2X a week	Aerobic to 70%	0.03 38
Flapper 2008	3 months	2.5 hours, 1 time a week	Aerobic	0.02 36
Moreira 2008	3 months	50 minutes, 2X weekly	Aerobic	0.004 34

# Exercise in adults: all compared to open label conventional treated group

author	duration	frequency	type	P value Subject #
Turner 2010	6 weeks	1.5 hour, 3X a week	Aerobic, moderate	0.04 34
Goncalves 2008	3 months	0.5 hours, 2X a week	Aerobic to 70%	0.001 20
Mendes 2010	3 months	0.5 hours, 2X a week	Aerobic to 70%	0.001 101

# Exercise in Adults, non aerobic: all compared to open label conventional treated group

author	duration	frequency	type	P value Subject #
Sabina 2005	1 month	1.5 hour, 2X a week	Yoga	NS 62
Thomas 2009	1 and 6 months	3 sessions	Breathing exercises	NS 183
Vempati 2009	2 months	1.5 hours, daily	Yoga	0.013 57



# Summary:

Patients can improve their asthma by:

- 1. Using maintenance medications regularly can decrease EIB
- 2. Pre-medicating before exercise with albuterol can eliminate EIB in some
- 3. Warming up, hydrating and cooling down is important to decrease EIB
- 4. Exercising regularly can improve quality of life, improve asthma control and reduce T-helper cell induced inflammation

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