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WHAT IS THE PATIENT'S PREFERENCE: TIOTROPIUM MONOTHERAPY OR FIXED-DOSE INDACATEROL/ GLYCOPYRRONIUM COMBINATION THERAPY? - THE FAVOUR STUDY

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Introduction and objectives Shared decision-making for drug and inhaler-device use improves adherence and outcomes in COPD. Physicians are encouraged to involve patient's opinion in choosing drugs and inhalers. It remains unclear, however, whether the superior effect on FEV1 shown for the fixed-dose combination of indacaterol/glycopyrronium (IND/GLY) compared to tiotropium (TIO) translates into medication preference by patients.

The present study was conducted to evaluate the overall preference for IND/GLY and TIO respectively, in patients who are still symptomatic under a TIO treatment.

Method This multicenter, cross-over, open-label study randomised COPD patients with moderate to severe airflow limitation and a CAT score of  $\geq 10$  to either receive 4 weeks o.d. IND/GLY (110/50 µg) followed by 4 weeks o.d. TIO (18 µg) or *vice versa* in a 1:1 ratio. To determine patient's treatment preference and satisfaction as secondary and explorative objectives, respectively, several validated and new questionnaires were used. As primary endpoint, FEV1 1 h post-inhalation after 4 weeks was investigated.

Results Of 88 patients (mean age, 65 years; post-bronchodilator FEV1, 57.7% predicted; mean CAT score, 17.6) randomised, 87 patients completed the study. After 4 weeks treatment, 1 h post-inhalation FEV1 was significantly higher with IND/GLY compared to TIO (LSM difference, 81 ml; p = 0.0017). Importantly, a higher proportion of patients preferred IND/GLY (69.4%) over TIO (30.6%) at the end of the study. Reduction of dyspnea was mentioned as an important or very important reason for favouring IND/GLY by 91.5% of the patients.

Conclusion This study indicated that beyond FEV1, patients reported outcomes improve with the dual bronchodilator IND/

GLY compared to TIO monotherapy. Further studies are needed to investigate how the favoured treatment option translates into improved adherence and long term treatment outcomes.

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## EFFECTIVENESS AND SAFETY OF INITIATING TREATMENT WITH FLUTICASONE/SALMETEROL VIA MDI VERSUS DPI IN COPD

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Introduction and objectives Fluticasone propionate/salmeterol (FP/SAL), can be delivered by metered-dose inhaler (MDI) or dry powder inhaler (DPI). The choice of device may affect adherence to and effectiveness of treatment. Although only 1000 mcg/day DPI is licensed for the treatment of COPD in the UK, the MDI and lower doses are regularly used in real-world practice. The aim of this study was to compare the effectiveness and safety of FP/SAL MDI or DPI at two doses (500 and 1000 mcg/day) in COPD patients.

Methods Historical, matched cohort study using the Optimum Patient Care Research Database in patients with COPD, aged ≥35 years and initiating with FP/SAL via either MDI or DPI. Conditional Poisson regression and conditional logistic regression were used respectively to compare the rate of moderate/severe COPD exacerbations and the odds of diagnosis of pneumonia and diabetes mellitus (including anti-diabetic drug prescriptions) between MDI and DPI during one year outcome period. Models were adjusted for the respective baseline values of the outcome variable of interest where possible. Addition of LAMA therapy during the outcome period was compared using conditional logistic regression.

Results 472 and 1172 patients initiated on FP/SAL at 500 mcg/day and 1000 mcg/day, respectively. The rate of moderate/severe COPD exacerbations was significantly lower for patients prescribed

Abstract P130 Table 1 Moderate/severe exacerbations, pneumonia and diabetes mellitus during the outcome period for patients initiating on FP/SAL at 500 mcg/day andmcg/day via MDI versus DPI

		Initiating at 500 mcg/day FP/SAL N = 472 (100%)		Initiating at 1000 mcg/day FP/SAL N = 1172 (100%)	
		MDI	DPI	MDI	DPI
		N = 236 (100%)	N = 236 (100%)	N = 586 (100%)	N = 586 (100%)
Number of all moderate/severe COPD exacerbations	<b>0</b> , n (%)	137 (58.1)	121 (51.3)	299 (51)	317 (54.1)
	<b>1</b> , n (%)	56 (23.7)	59 (25.0)	152 (25.9)	149 (25.4)
	2-3, n (%)	35 (14.8)	35 (14.8)	100 (17.1)	87 (14.8)
	<b>4+</b> , n (%)	8 (3.4)	21 (8.9)	35 (6.0)	33 (5.6)
	Rate ratio (95% CI)	0.72 (0.55, 0.95)	1	1.10 (0.93, 1.30)	1
	Adjusted rate ratio (95% CI)	0.71 (0.54, 0.93)	1	1.11 (0.94, 1.30)	1
Pneumonia	No, n (%)	231 (97.9)	232 (98.3)	582 (99.3)	583 (99.5)
	Yes, n (%)	5 (2.1)	4 (1.7)	4 (0.7)	3 (0.5)
	Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.25 (0.33, 4.76)	1	1.33 (0.30, 5.88)	1
Diabetes mellitus	<b>No</b> , n (%)	214 (90.7)	211 (89.4)	493 (84.1)	497 (84.8)
	Yes, n (%)	22 (9.3)	25 (10.6)	93 (15.9)	89 (15.2)
	Odds ratio (95% CI)	0.87 (0.59, 1.43)	1	1.05 (0.80, 1.39)	1
	Adjusted odds ratio (95% CI)	0.88 (0.40, 1.92)	1	1.10 (0.71, 1.69)	1