For patients who were initially frequent exacerbators, moderate eosinophilia was associated with a sustained high exacerbation frequency ($p<0.05$). High eosinophilia however was not associated with a sustained high exacerbation frequency ($p=0.2178$).

Of those patients with high eosinophilia ($n=65$), 42.19% were on a high inhaled corticosteroid dose compared to 8.70% of those with moderate eosinophilia ($n=70$), ($p<0.0001$).

Conclusion Our study shows that moderately raised eosinophils in COPD are associated with significantly increased long term exacerbation frequency trends.

Our data suggests that in clinical practice high eosinophil levels in COPD patients are more readily identified by clinicians, leading to escalation in ICS therapies to successfully manage exacerbation frequencies. The significance of moderate eosinophil levels is likely under recognised and these patients may also benefit from escalation in ICS therapies.

S103 THE PROVISION OF THE FIVE FUNDAMENTALS OF COPD CARE – FINDINGS FROM A UK-WIDE SURVEY OF PEOPLE WITH COPD

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Introduction and Aims Patient-reported data on care provided for people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is patchy. This research aims to understand what care is being provided to this population, and how it affects people. This data will provide the basis of recommendations for service improvements.

Methods Between December 2020 – May 2021, the Asthma UK and British Lung Foundation ran an online survey of people with COPD. The survey received 8,232 responses. Using NICE's *Five fundamentals of COPD care*,¹ respondents were asked about the care they received for their condition, as well as their experiences of living with the condition. Respondents were judged to have received the five fundamentals of care if they gave a positive answer to the elements they were eligible for (based on their MRC breathlessness score and smoking status).

Results 24.5% of all respondents received all of the measures of care they were entitled to. Considerable variation lies behind this overall figure, with rates of provision ranging from 28.5% in South West England, to 13.5% in Northern Ireland. 13.3% of respondents who told us they had more than 10 exacerbations in the past 12 months received these care measures, compared to 28.5% of people who between zero and two exacerbations in the past year. Those who have lived with COPD for over ten years were more likely (36.0% received care measures) to receive these care measures than those who have been diagnosed in the past two years (10.6%).

Conclusions This research indicates a significant proportion of people with COPD are not receiving the five fundamentals of COPD care. There is also considerable variation in provision among the COPD population, and improving care provision needs to be made a priority in order to improve clinical outcomes and reduce exacerbations.

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S104 COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF TRIPLE THERAPY WITH BUDESONIDE/GLYCOPYRRONIUM/FORMOTEROL FUMARATE VERSUS DUAL THERAPIES IN MODERATE-TO-VERY SEVERE COPD IN THE UNITED KINGDOM: ANALYSIS BASED ON THE KRONOS STUDY

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Introduction The 24-week KRONOS study (NCT02497001) showed that fixed-dose triple therapy with budesonide/glycopyrronium/formoterol fumarate 320/14.4/10 µg (BGF 320) metered dose inhaler (MDI) was more efficacious at improving lung function than fixed-dose long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA)/long-acting β_2 -agonist (LABA) and inhaled corticosteroid (ICS)/LABA dual therapy in symptomatic patients with moderate-to-very severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). In KRONOS, >70% of patients had no moderate or severe exacerbations in the previous year. Here, using KRONOS data, the lifetime cost-effectiveness of BGF 320 versus LAMA/LABA and ICS/LABA dual therapies in the United Kingdom is estimated.

Methods A Markov model was used to extrapolate incurred costs and quality-adjusted life-years (QALYs) for patients with moderate-to-very severe COPD. The model accounted for progression in severity (lung function decline), occurrence of moderate and severe exacerbations, adverse events, and discontinuations from the KRONOS study for BGF MDI 320, the LAMA/LABA glycopyrronium/formoterol fumarate 14.4/10 µg (GFF) MDI and the ICS/LABA budesonide/formoterol fumarate 400/12 µg (BUD/FORM) dry powder inhaler. Health care resource utilization was based on KRONOS data; unit costs came from UK National Health Service reference costs, the Personal Social Services Research Unit manual and the published literature. EuroQoL 5-dimension 5-level utilities for COPD severity states were estimated from KRONOS; exacerbation disutilities were sourced from a systematic literature review. A lifetime horizon was considered. Costs and QALYs were discounted at 3.5% per annum.

Results For BGF 320 versus GFF and BUD/FORM, respectively, incremental costs were £1500 and £2598, incremental QALYs were 0.49 and 0.38 and incremental exacerbation reductions were -4.29 and -1.78. The incremental cost-utility ratios (ICUR) for BGF 320 were £3082 and £6868 per QALY gained versus GFF and BUD/FORM, respectively.

Discussion Based on KRONOS data, triple therapy with BGF 320 was cost-effective versus LAMA/LABA and ICS/LABA dual therapies at the conventional UK-adopted willingness to pay (ICUR < £20000 per QALY) in a moderate-to-very severe COPD population where >70% of patients had no moderate or severe exacerbations in the prior year. The main cost-effectiveness driver for BGF 320 triple therapy versus dual therapies was the reduction in exacerbation rate, which reduced costs and preserved quality of life.

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