

Metabolic disorders

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Fatigue – a common symptom in cancer patients

- Incidence varies in overall cancer population (40-100%)
- Fatigue is stage and disease related
- Chronic fatigue may occur after curative therapy
- Lack of standardized and systemic evaluation

Provision and Discussion of Survivorship Care Plans Among Cancer Survivors: Results of a Nationally Representative Survey of Oncologists and Primary Care Physicians

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A B S T R A C T

Purpose

Survivorship care planning should involve discussions between providers and cancer survivors to address survivors' needs and optimize adherence. We examined the frequency and factors associated with oncologists' and primary care physicians' (PCPs) reports of provision of written survivorship care plans (SCPs) and discussion of survivorship care recommendations with survivors.

Methods

A nationally representative sample of 1,130 oncologists and 1,020 PCPs was surveyed about survivorship care practices with survivors. Logistic regression models predicted multilevel factors associated with providing SCPs or discussing recommendations with survivors.

Results

Although a majority of oncologists (64%) reported always/almost always discussing survivorship care recommendations with survivors, fewer also discussed who survivors should see for cancer-related and other follow-up care (32%); fewer still also provided a written SCP to the survivor (< 5%). Survivorship care recommendations and provider responsibility were not regularly discussed by PCPs and survivors (12%). Oncologists who reported detailed training about late and long-term effects of cancer were more likely to provide written SCPs (odds ratio [OR], 1.73; 95% CI, 1.22 to 2.44) and discuss survivorship care planning with survivors (OR, 2.02; 95% CI, 1.51 to 2.70). PCPs who received SCPs from oncologists were 9× more likely (95% CI, 5.74 to 14.82) to report survivorship discussions with survivors.

Conclusion

A minority of both PCPs and oncologists reported consistently discussing and providing SCPs to cancer survivors. Training and knowledge specific to survivorship care and coordinated care between PCPs and oncologists were associated with increased survivorship discussions with survivors. These nationally representative data provide a useful benchmark to assess implementation of new efforts to improve the follow-up care of survivors.

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INTRODUCTION

There are approximately 14 million cancer survivors in the United States, and this number is projected to increase substantially with the aging of the population and improvement of survival rates.^{1,2} Survivors, most of whom will live years after cancer treatment, have unique health care needs,^{3,4} including prevention or management of chronic and late physical and psychosocial effects of treatment and comorbid conditions. Survivorship care planning has been proposed as a way to meet these needs.⁴

The Institute of Medicine report "From Cancer Patient to Cancer Survivor: Lost in Transition" recommends that all survivors completing primary treatment receive a survivorship care plan (SCP), including a written treatment summary and an individualized follow-up plan, from their oncology provider.⁴ Recommendations suggest that survivorship care planning should also include discussions with survivors about care recommendations and delineation of which provider (eg, oncologist, primary care physician [PCP], or other specialist) is responsible for overseeing cancer-related and other medical

- Long-term effect after the end of therapy
- survivorship programs are beneficial

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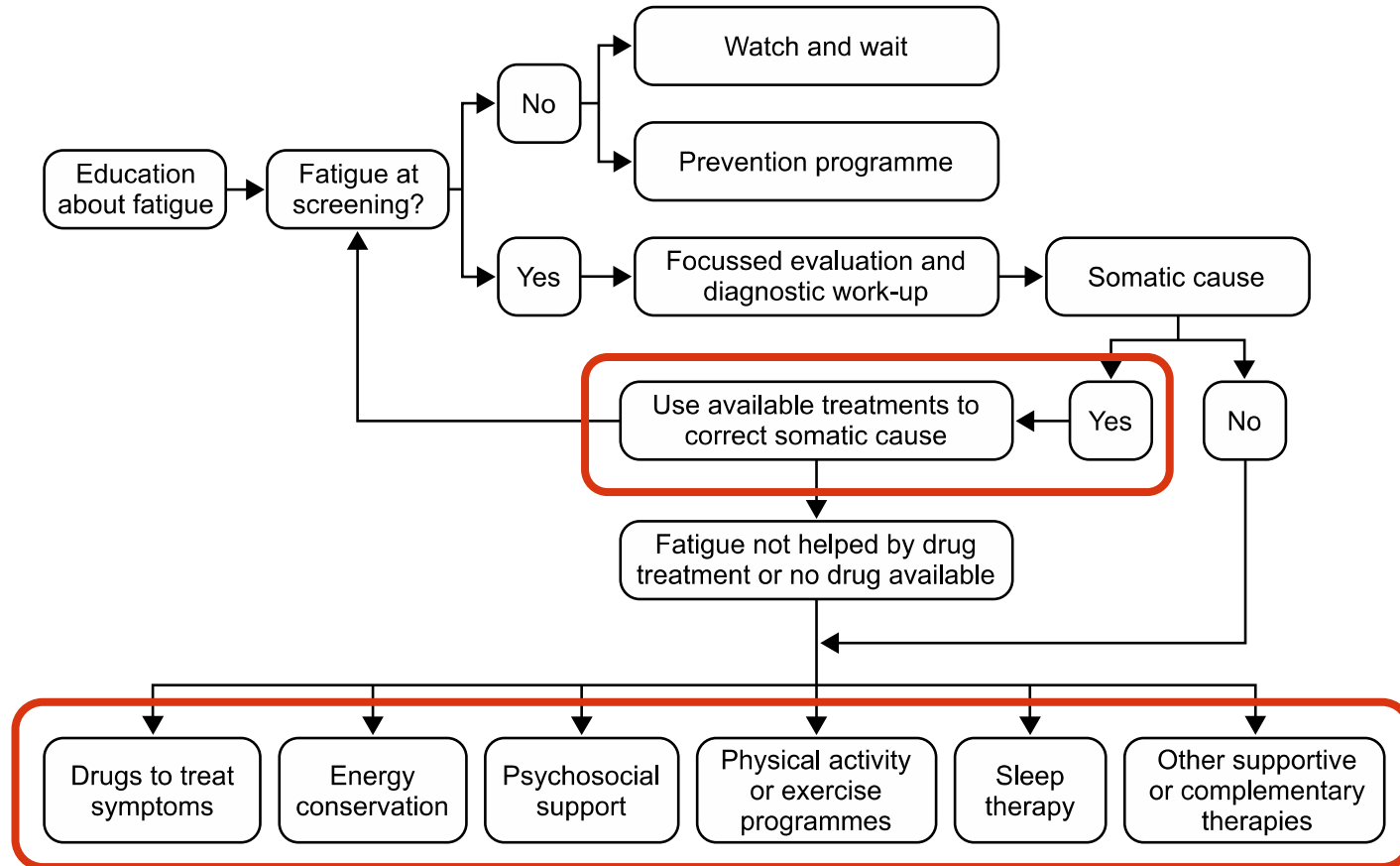
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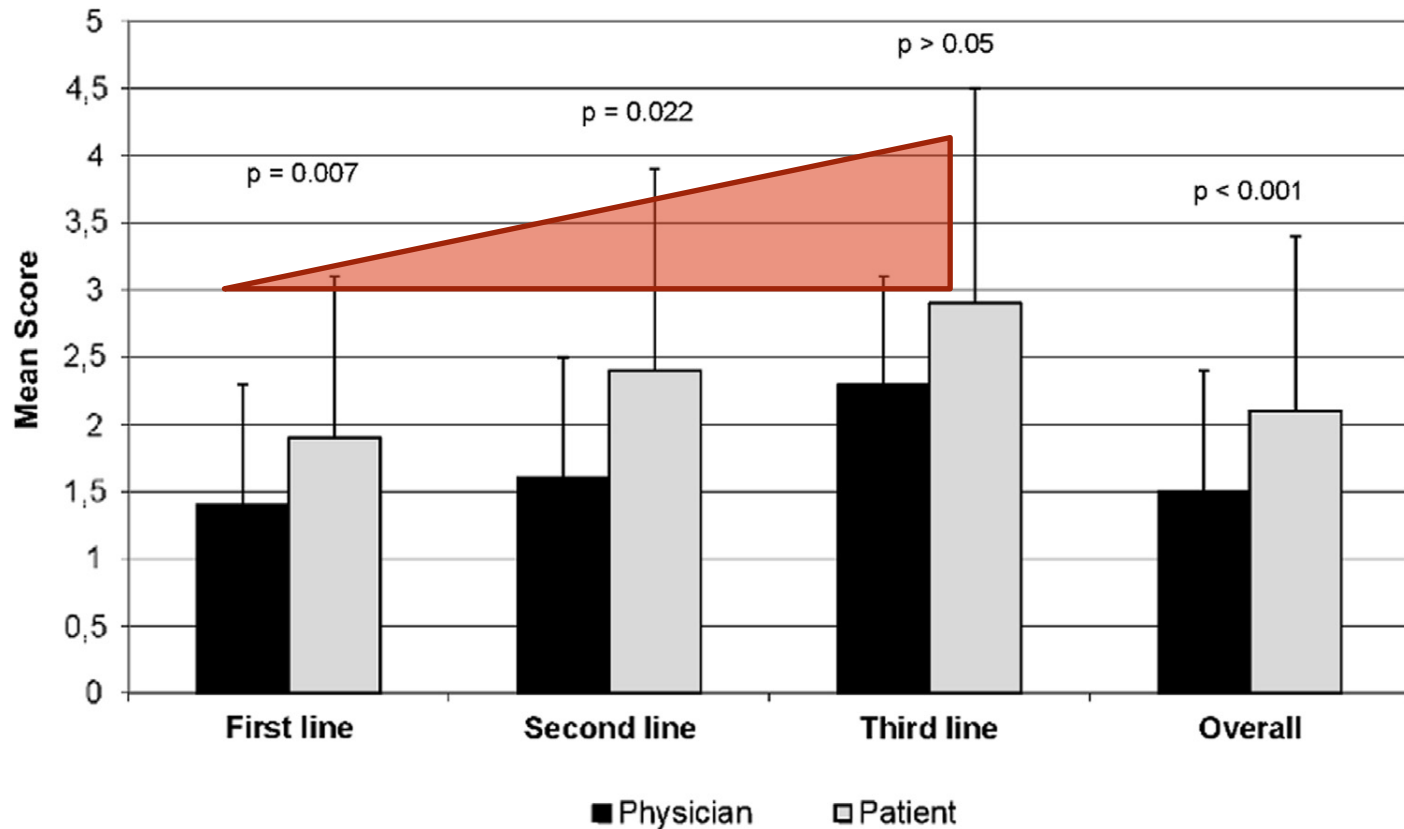
Fatigue in metastatic disease

Pre-existing fatigue should trigger preventive measures

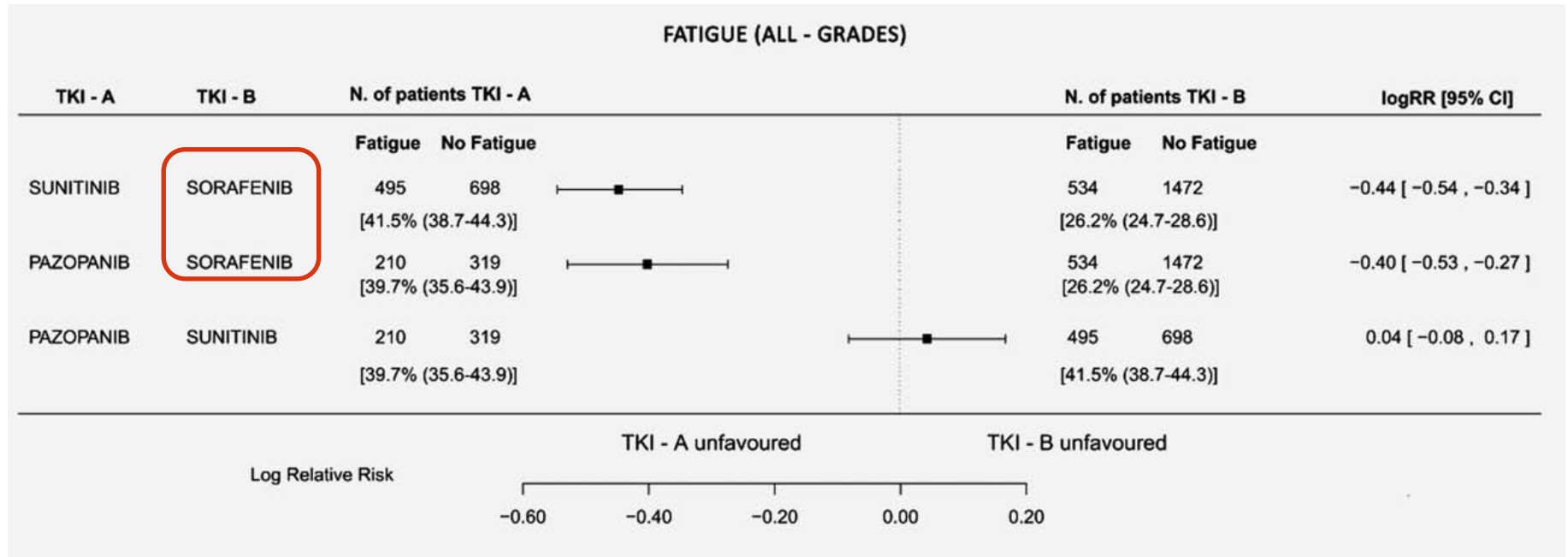


Fatigue is a composite endpoint of toxicity and cancer

(RCC patient population)

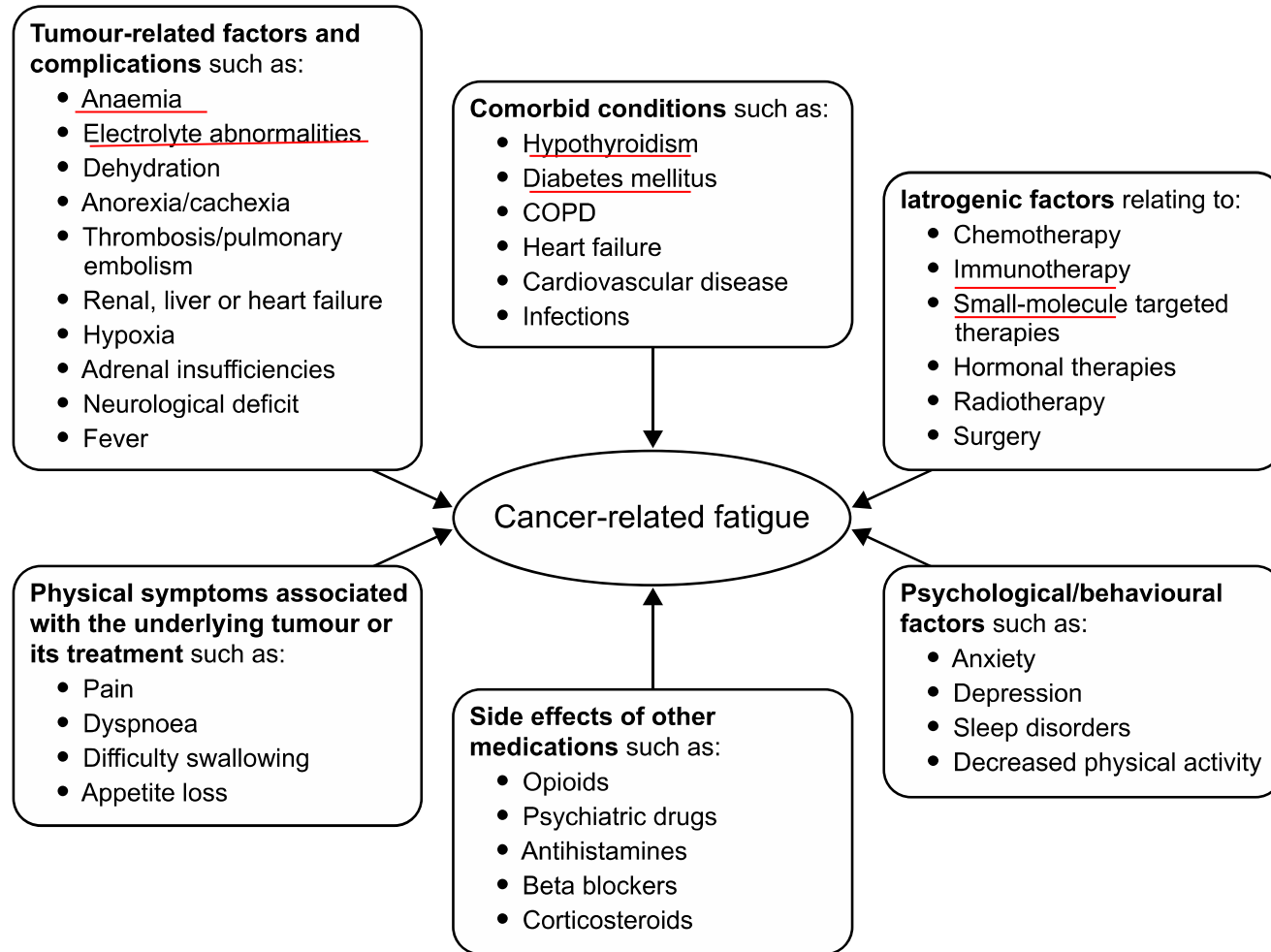


Fatigue varies among different TKIs

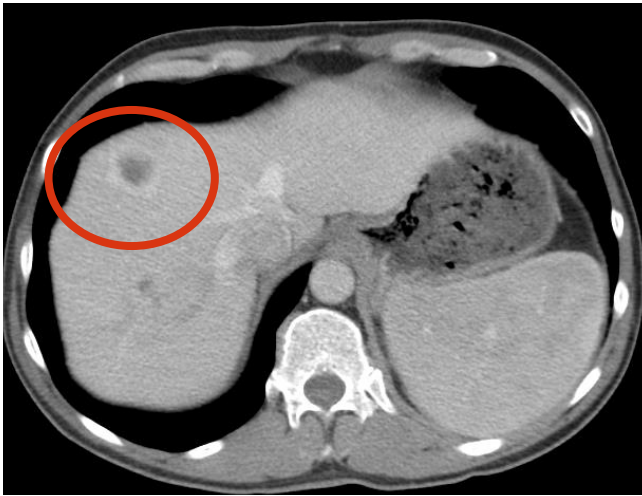


How to untangle toxicity, comorbidity, and cancer related fatigue?

Fatigue – a multilayer problem

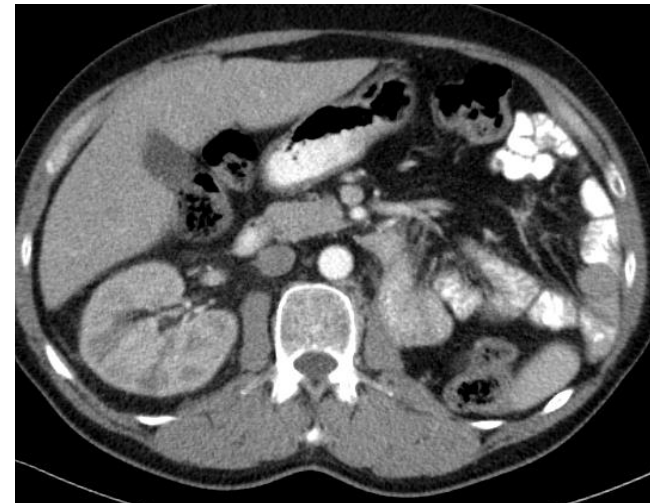
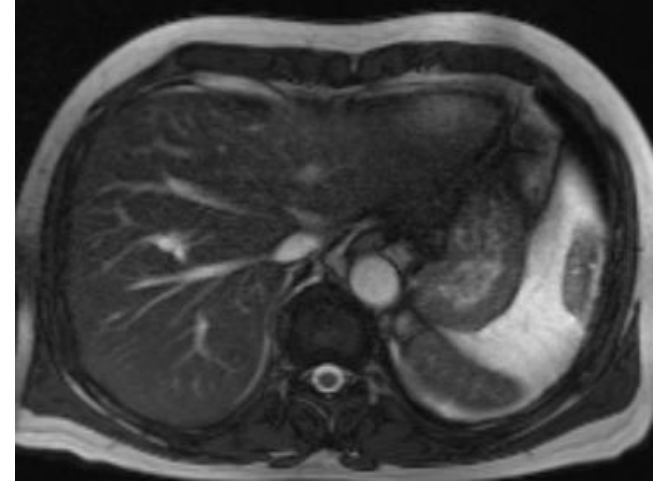
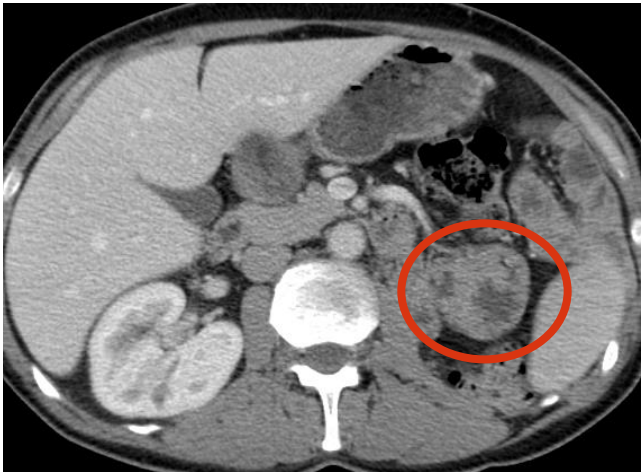


Synchronous mRCC with fatigue, nightsweats & weight loss



PFS 40+ mo.

Sunitinib:
symptomatic
relieve,
response



Approach to treatment-related fatigue

- Exclude disease progression first
- Evaluate metabolic causes:

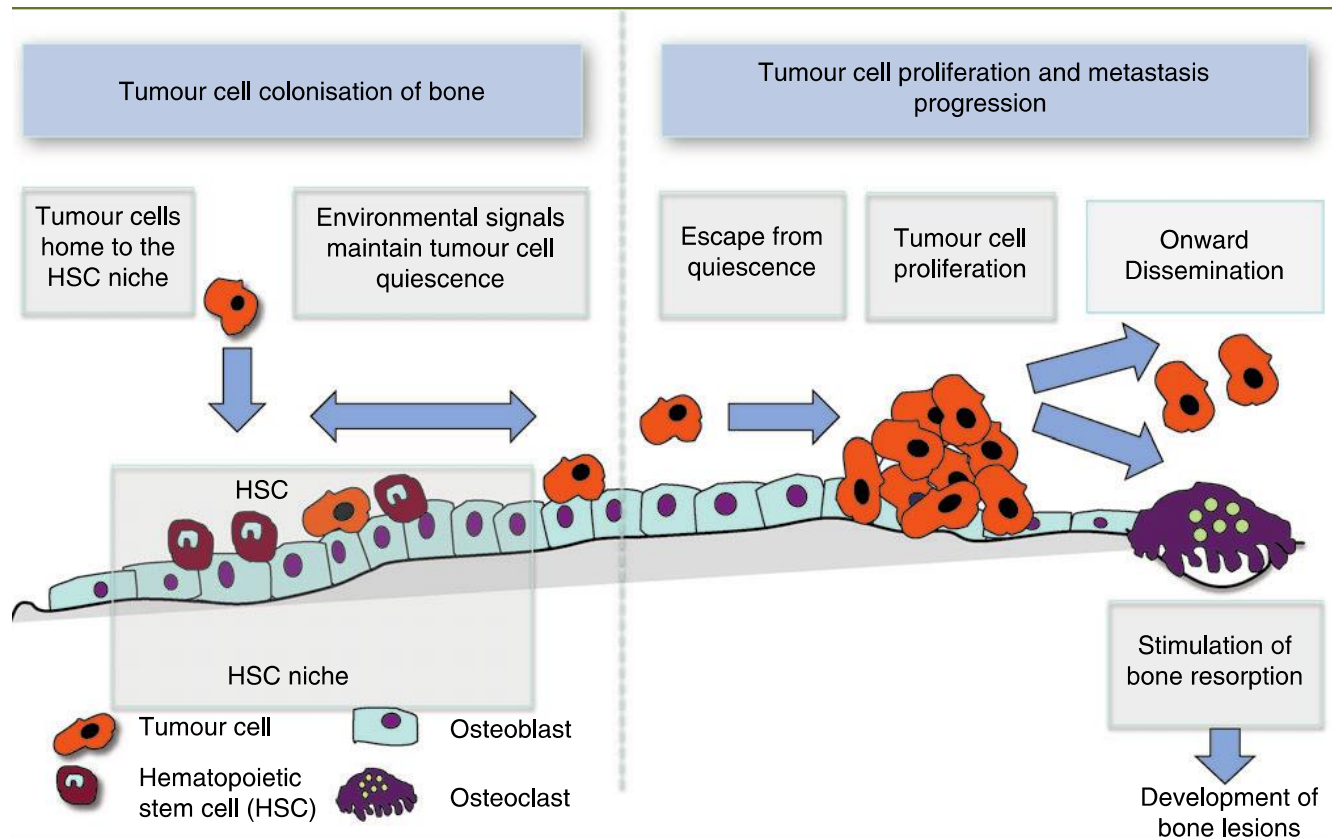
**Hyper-
calcemia**

Anemia

Diabetes

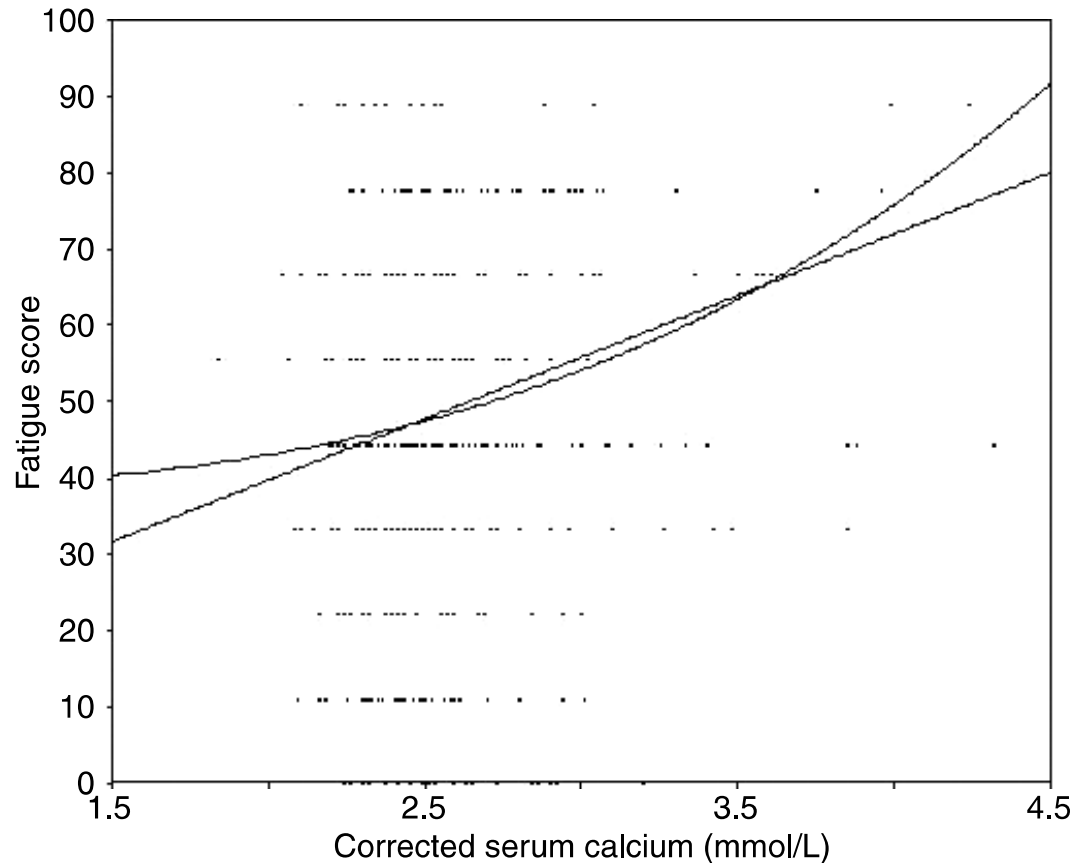
**Endocrino
-pathy**

Hypercalcemia in cancer patients

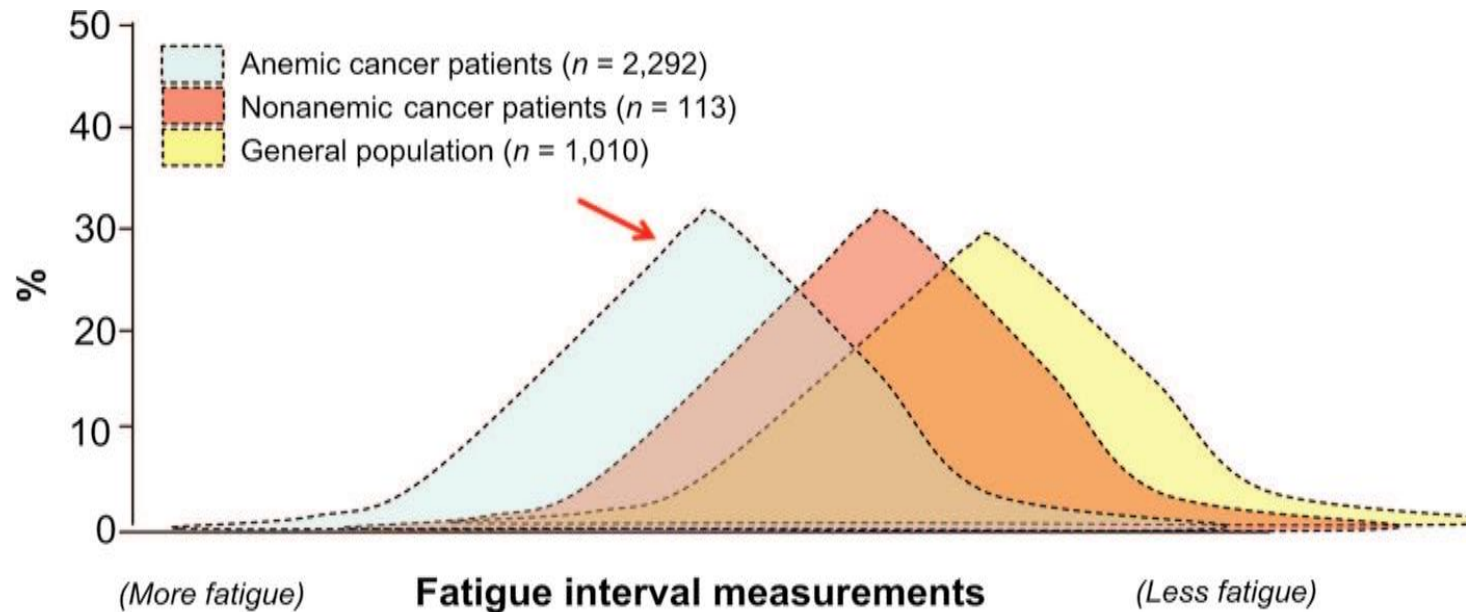


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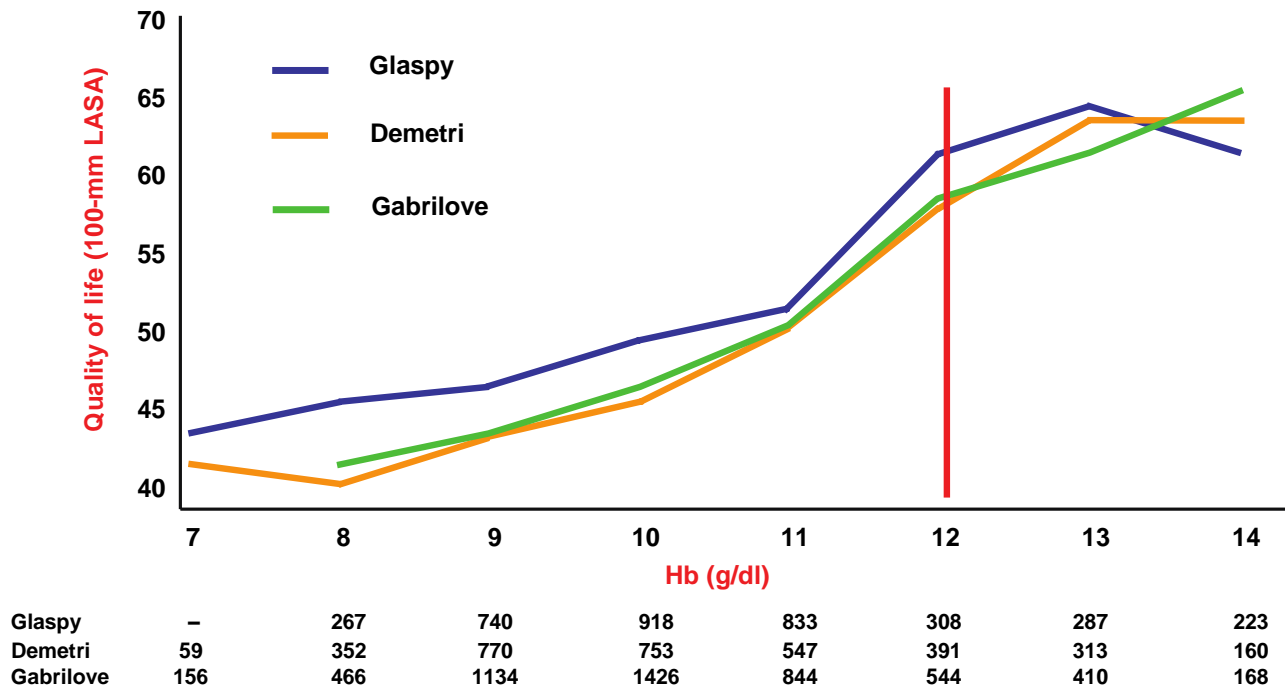
Hypercalcemia is associated with fatigue



Anemia is associated with fatigue in cancer patients

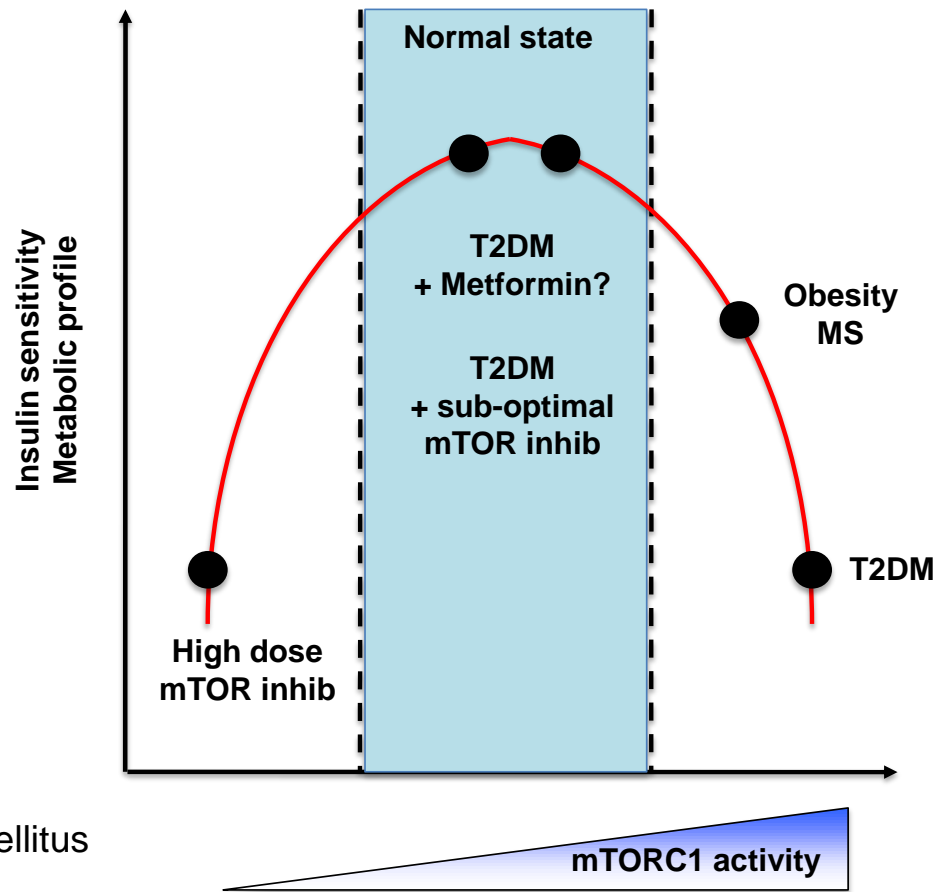


Correction of anemia may improve QoL in cancer patients



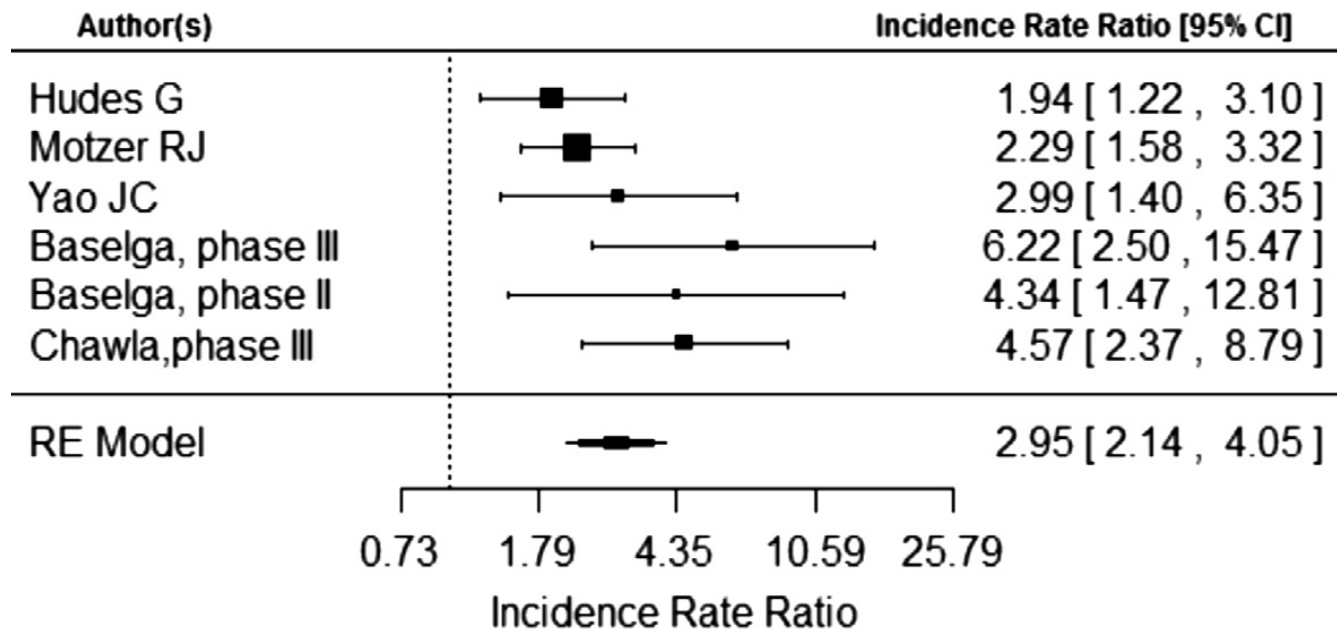
Erythropoietin studies in tumor-associated anemia

mTORC1 activity – key player for metabolic homeostasis



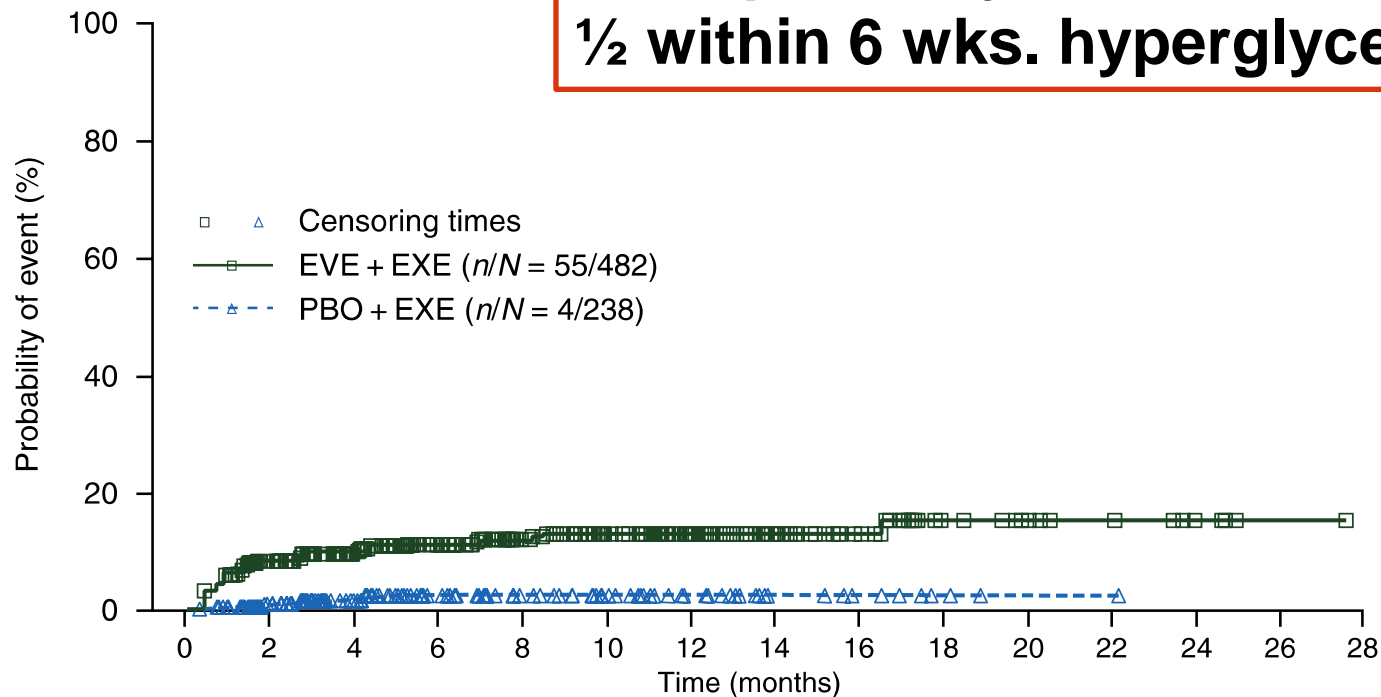
T2DM: type 2 diabetes mellitus
MS: metabolic syndrome

Current mTOR inhibitors (mTORi) induce hyperglycemia



BOLERO-2: hyperglycemia is an early event (\geq grade 2)

**9, respectively 10% have DM at start
1/2 within 6 wks. hyperglycemic**



Number of patients still at risk

EVE + EXE	482	394	306	242	189	145	96	64	43	22	15	10	4	1	0
PBO + EXE	238	171	117	72	48	34	21	11	7	3	1	1	0	0	0

Novel dual kinase inhibitors achieve the highest diabetes rate

Drug	Hypertriglyceridemia (%)		Hypercholesterolemia (%)		Hyperglycemia (%)	
	All Grades	Grades 3 to 4*	All Grades	Grades 3 to 4†	All Grades	Grades 3 to 4‡
Approved						
Everolimus	71	< 1	76	3	50	12
Placebo (n = 416) ⁹	30	0	32	0	23	1
Temsirolimus	27	3	24	1	26	11
IFN-α (n = 408) ¹⁰	14	1	4	0	11	2
Investigationals						
PI3K inhibitors ¹⁴⁻¹⁷						
GDC-0941	None described		None described		48	2
BKM120	None described		None described		30	5
PI3K/mTOR inhibitors ¹⁸⁻²¹						
XL765	None described		None described		10	0
GSK2126458	None described		None described		7	2
GDC-0980	None described		None described		83	14
Akt inhibitors ²²⁻²⁴						
GDC-0068	None described		None described		41	0
MK-2206	None described		None described		13	3
GSK2141795	None described		None described		19-21	4
mTOR (TORC1 or TORC1/2) inhibitors ²⁵⁻²⁷						
Ridaforolimus	41	0	28	0	22-28	6-13

Abbreviations: IFN- α , interferon alfa; mTOR, mammalian target of rapamycin; PI3K, phosphoinositide 3-kinase; TC, total cholesterol; TG, triglycerides.

*TG > 500 mg/dL.

†TC > 400 mg/dL.

‡Glucose > 250 mg/dL.

§Data from phase I trials.

Individualized monitoring approach

	euglycemic	Pre-diabetic	diabetic
Fastening glucose (mmol/L)	<6.0	6.0-7.0	>7.0
HbA1c (%)	<6.0	6.0-6.4	≥6.5
Monitoring 1. month	2 weeks	1-2x weekly	daily

- Individual glucose monitoring during further treatment

Treatment of mTORi-induced hyperglycemia

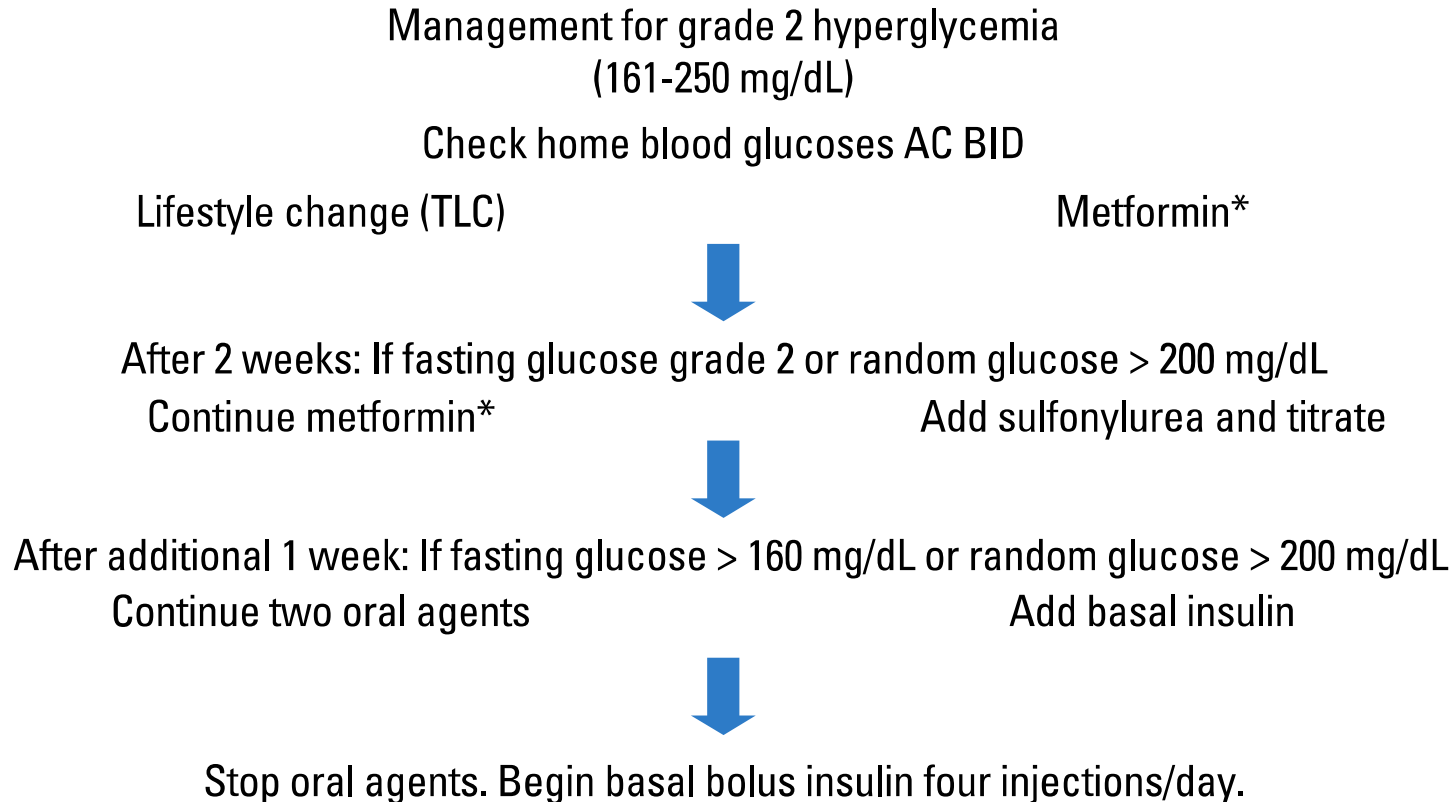
Start treatment if:

- Fasting glucose: >7.0 mmol/L (>125 mg/dl)
- or random Glucose >200 mg/dl
- or HbA1c >6.5%

Choice of treatment:

- 1st choice: metformin
 - sulfonyl urea, or glitazone
 - Insulin
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- Target HbA1c: 7.0-8.0%

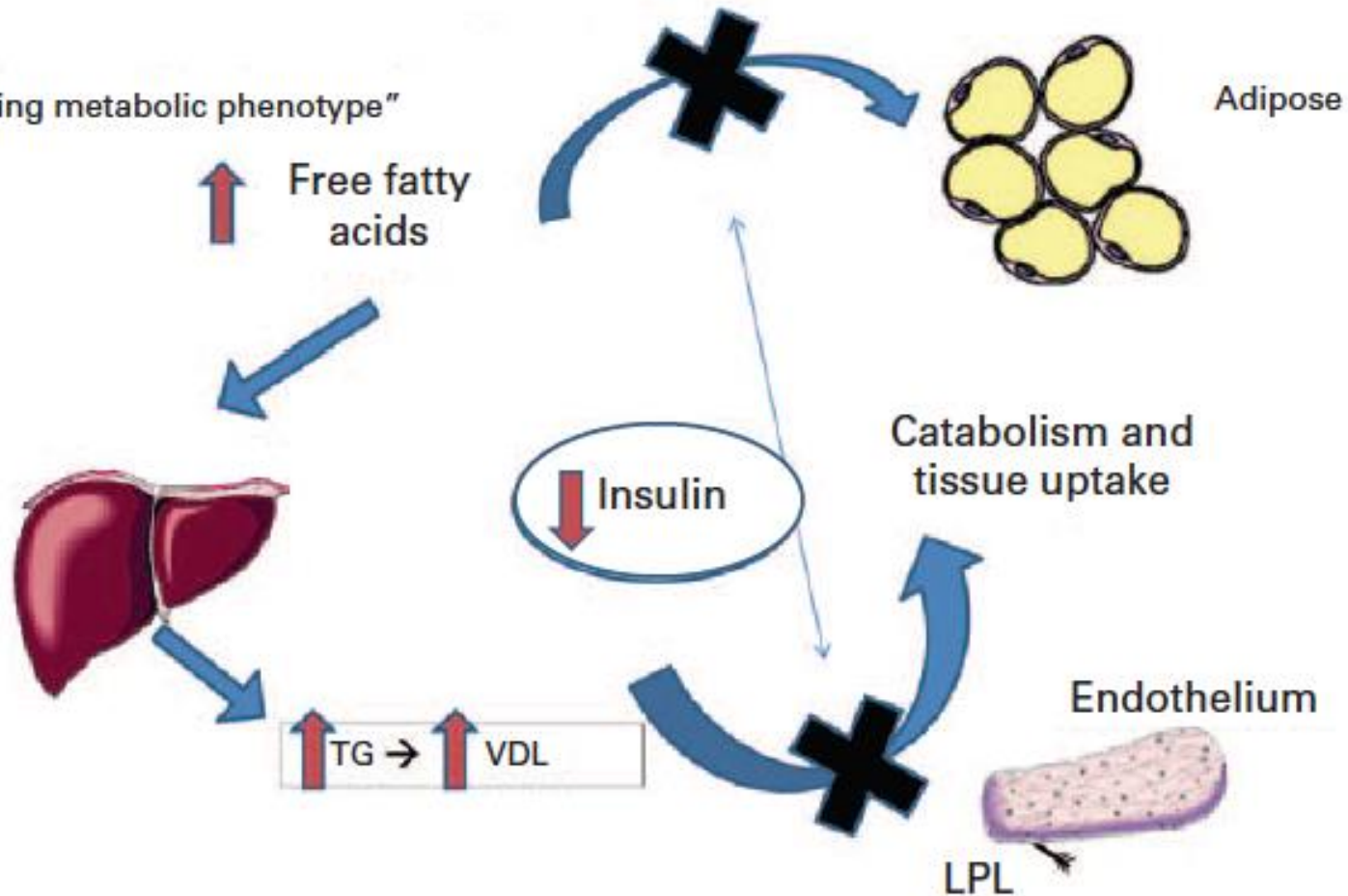
Treatment algorithm for therapy-associated hyperglycemia



mTORi-induced hyperlipidemia

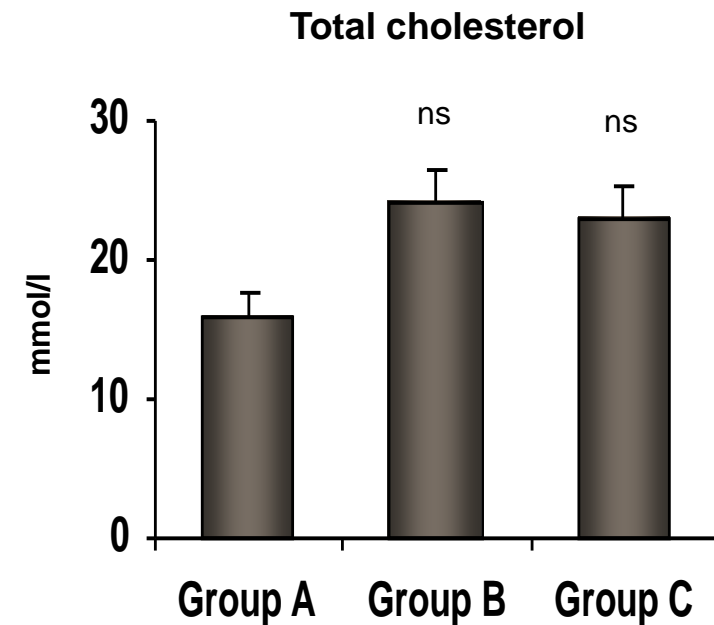
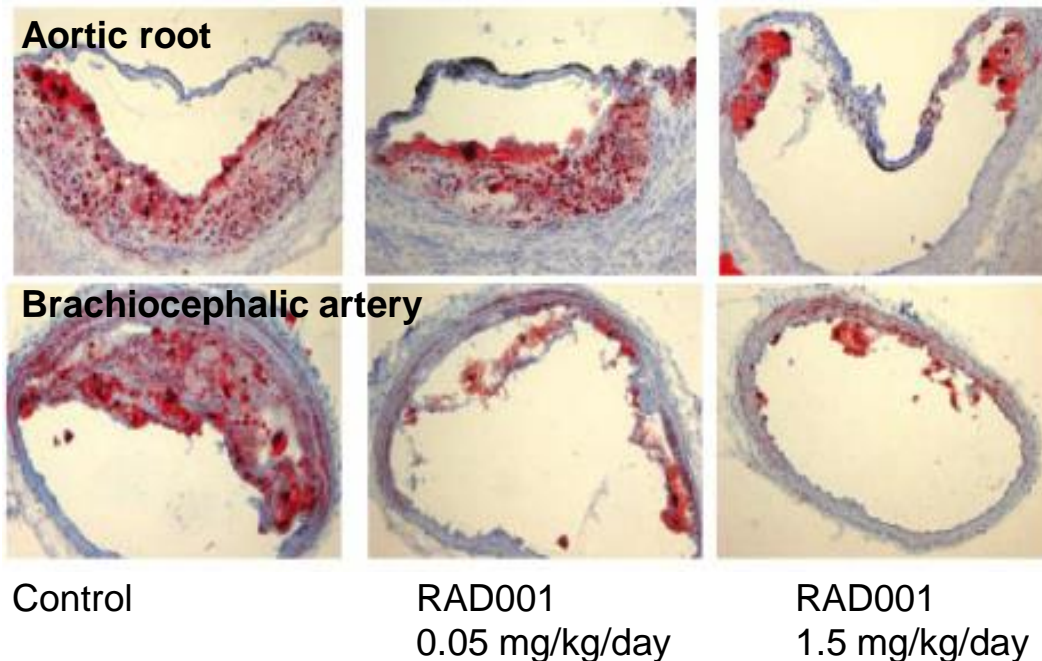
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"fasting metabolic phenotype"

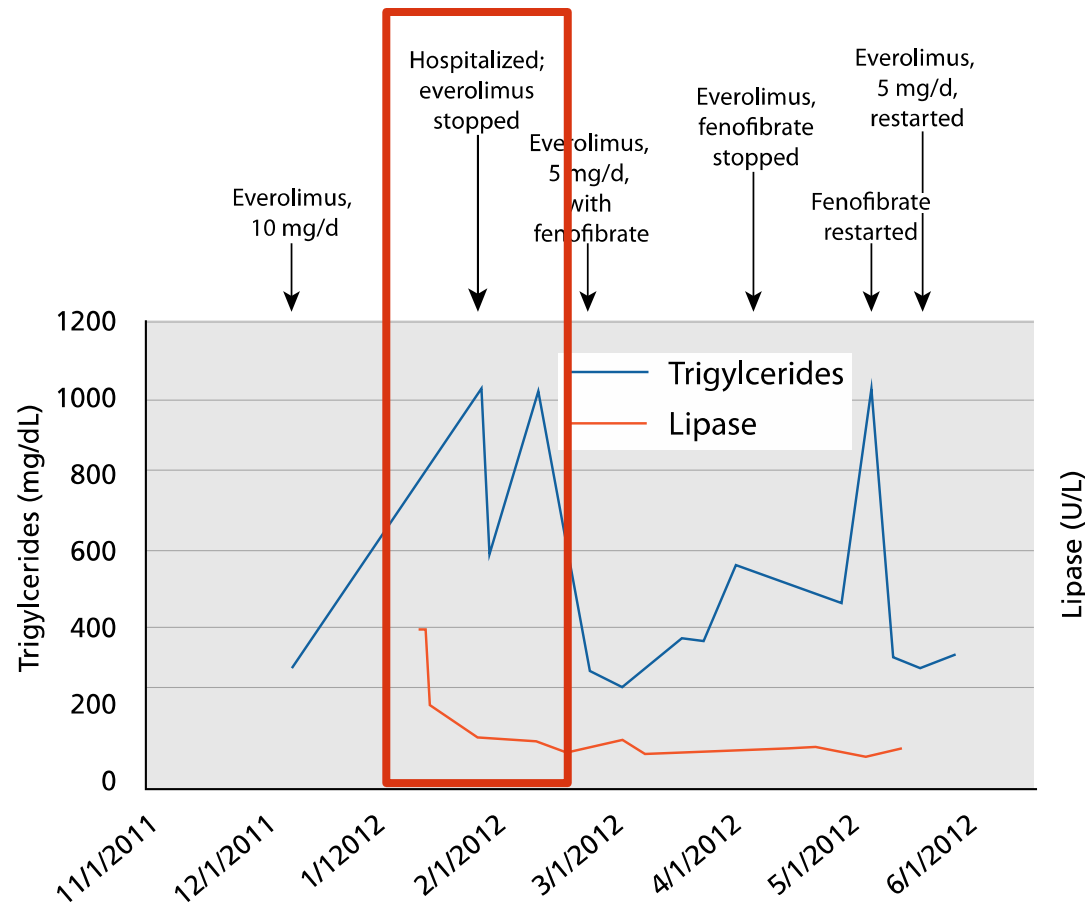


mTOR, hyperlipidaemia, and atherosclerosis in LDLR^{-/-} mice

mTOR inhibition decouples plasma lipid from cellular deposition of lipid

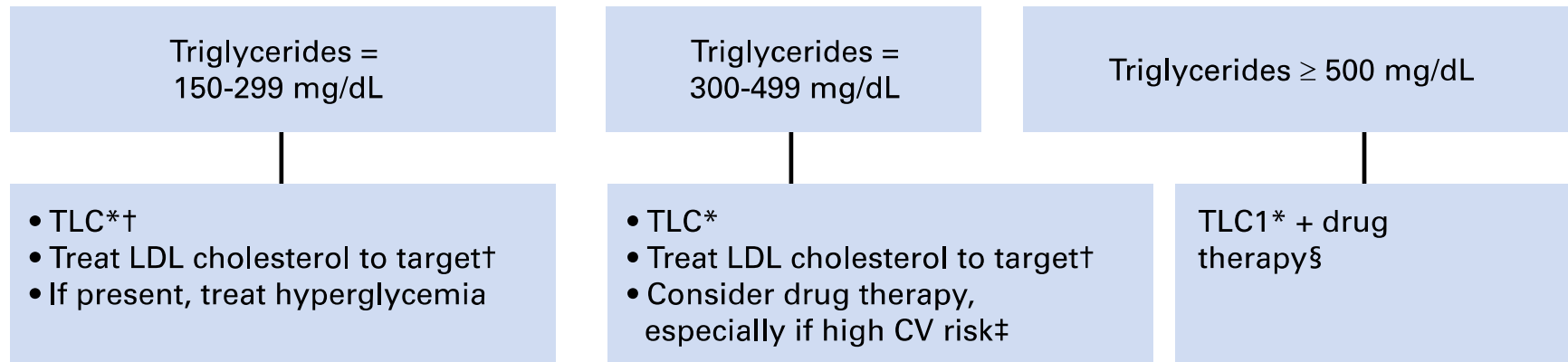


Everolimus associated hypertriglyceridemia and pancreatitis



Hypertriglyceridemia
71% with Everolimus
27% with Temsirolimus

When to treat hypertriglyceridemia



TLC: therapeutic lifestyle changes

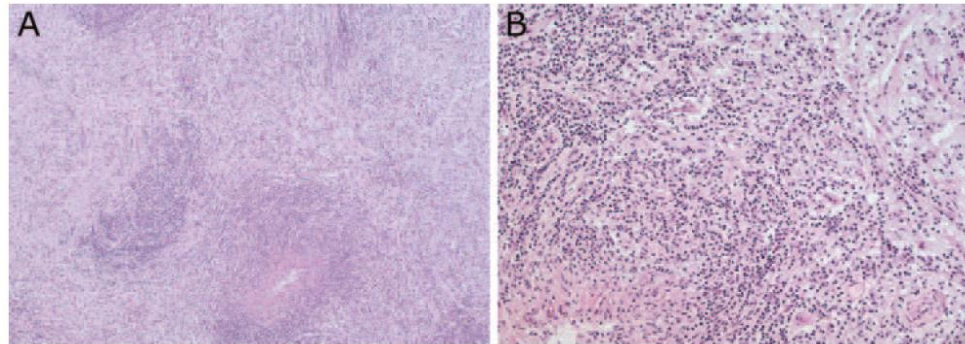
Medical treatment:

- fibrate, fish oil, nicotinic acid

Endocrinopathies – a common AE of cancer treatment

Agent	Incidence	Occurrence
CTLA4 mAb	0-19%	NR
PD-1 mAb	2-3%	NR
Tositumumab	9-64%	6-24 mo.
TKI	32-85%	4-94 wks
Alemtuzumab	7-30%	9-31 mo.
IMiD	6-20%	1-6 mo.

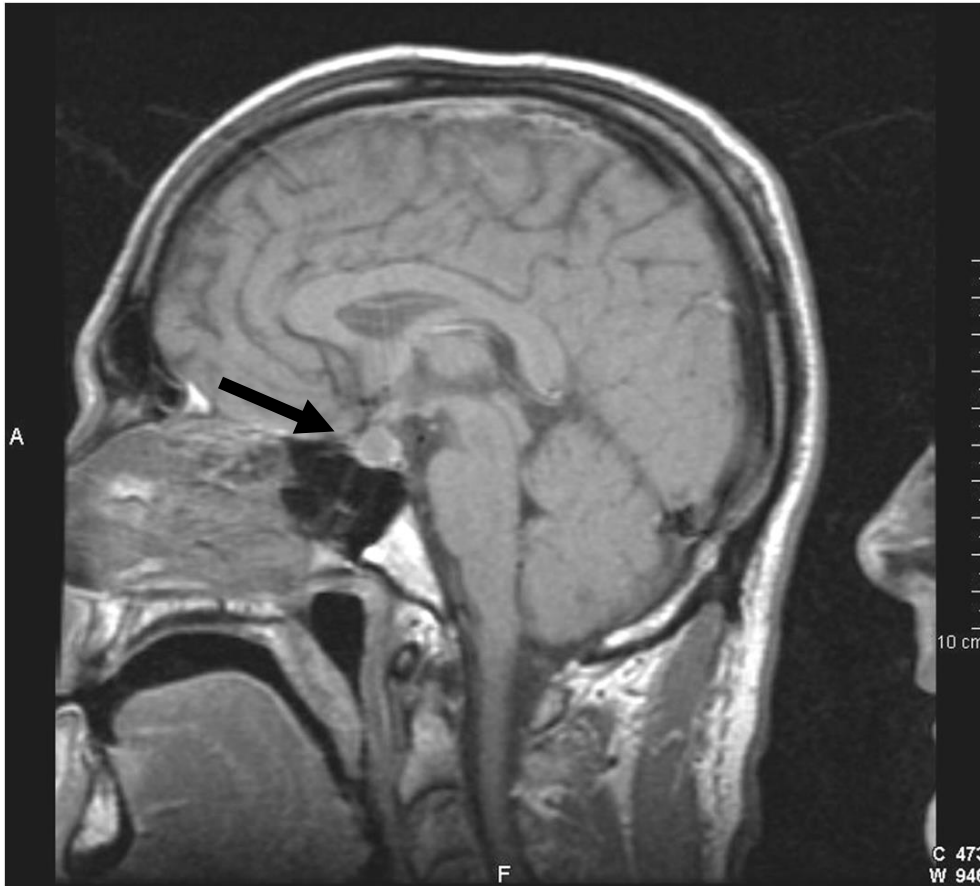
Autoimmune-Hypophysitis



Inflammation and cellular (lymphocytic) infiltration of the pituitary gland

- Initially described in 1962
- Estimated incidence 1:9.000.000
- Rare disease, which is often associated with other autoimmune endocrinopathy or through compression
- May occur postpartal, M. addison, Thyreoiditis, LCH, sarcoidosis
- Today often recognized as immune-related event

Hypophysitis: clinic

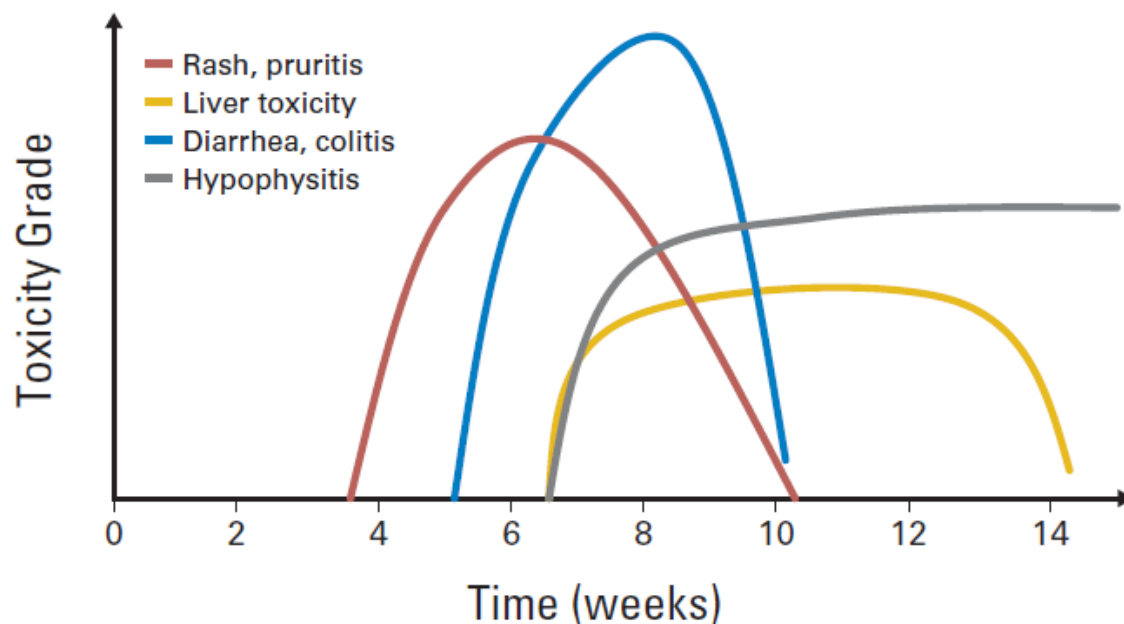


- Confusion
- Apathy
- Anopsy
- Cephalgia
- Hypotension
- Abdominal pain
- Polyuria

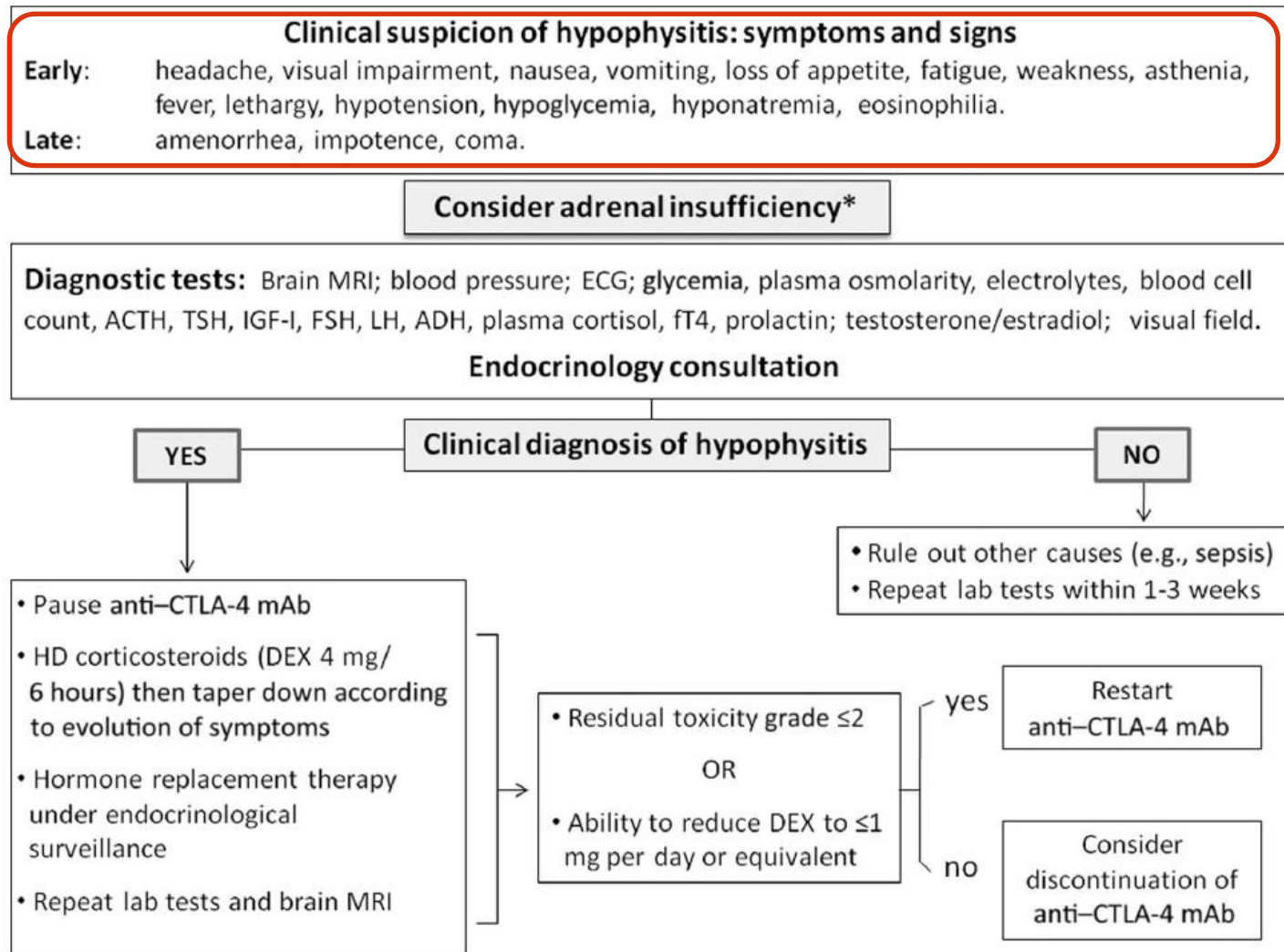
Immune related (ir)AEs

Table 2. Occurrence of Adverse Events With Ipilimumab (10 mg/kg)

Adverse Event	Any Grade (%)	Grade 3 or 4 (%)
Skin (rash, pruritus)	47-68	0-4
GI (diarrhea, colitis)	31-46	8-23
Hepatitis	3-9	3-7
Hypophysitis	4-6	1-5



Hypophysitis: monitoring & treatment



Future field of research

- Physicians and nurses underestimate symptoms onset, frequency, and severity in comparison to patients' rating
- Studies should include patient reported outcome (PRO) measures
- Structured assessment of cancer related symptoms should be incorporated into clinical practice
- AE-nurse may improve management

Conclusion

- Fatigue is among the most common symptoms in cancer patients
- Lack of specificity of fatigue requires a broad spectrum to monitor during cancer therapy
- Metabolic changes are frequent during the course of treatment, and incidence vary between classes of agents
- Routine monitoring should include the assessment of glucose, calcium, Hb, lipids, and hormones in cancer patients