

Altogether  
to Beat  
Cushing's  
Syndrome



**VIAGGIO ALLA  
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DELLA SINDROME  
DI CUSHING**

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## Cause di sindrome di Cushing (e relativa prevalenza)

### ACTH dipendente

- Malattia di Cushing 65 – 70 %
- Secrezione ectopica di ACTH da parte di tumori non ipofisari 10-15%
- Secrezione ectopica di CRH da parte di tumori non ipotalamici che induce ipersecrezione ipofisaria di ACTH < 1 %
- Sindrome di Cushing iatrogena o factizia da somministrazione di ACTH esogeno < 1%

### ACTH indipendente

- Sindrome di Cushing iatrogena o factizia (la forma più comune)
- Adenoma e carcinoma surrenalico 18 – 20%
- Iperplasia bilaterale micronodulare (PPNAD) Primary pigmented nodular adrenocortical disease < 1%
- Iperplasia surrenalica bilaterale macronodulare ACTH indipendente < 1%



# Pituitary ACTH Dependency of Nodular Adrenal Hyperplasia in Cushing's Syndrome

## Report of Two Cases and Review of the Literature

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Cushing's syndrome due to nodular adrenal hyperplasia comprises a clinically and biochemically heterogeneous group of disorders whose pathogenesis is unclear. We describe two patients with atypical steroid dynamics and large unilateral adrenal nodules who had pituitary ACTH-dependent disease. In the differential diagnosis of Cushing's syndrome, we recommend repeated ACTH measurement and selective venous sampling—particularly in those patients with impaired dexamethasone suppressibility and abnormal findings on computerized tomography.



**ACTH non soppresso**

**Incremento della concentrazione di  
ACTH dopo bisurrenectomia**

**Efficacia di forme di terapia dirette  
all'ipofisi**

**Evidenza di tumore ipofisario prima  
o dopo bisurrenectomia**



# Macronodular Adrenocortical Hyperplasia in Longstanding Cushing's Disease\*

13 pazienti con iperplasia surrenalica macronodulare vs 18 pazienti con iperplasia «diffusa» o «micronodulare»

Età più avanzata

Durata di malattia superiore

Concentrazione di cortisolo e di ACTH simile (nel 40% dei casi ACTH superiore alla norma)

Minore soppressibilità dopo desametasone (significativa per alta dose dexamethasone)

Minore sensibilità alla stimolazione con ACTH

Responsività a Metopirone

Responsività a CRH in uno/due pz testati vs due/due con iperplasia diffusa

Entità distinta dalla classica forma

Possibile forma di transizione

donna di 67 anni  
necrosi asettica testa femore  
nel passato sospetto di artropatia psoriasica,  
di fibromialgia non confermate  
osteoporosi con crolli vertebrali multipli  
depressione in trattamento

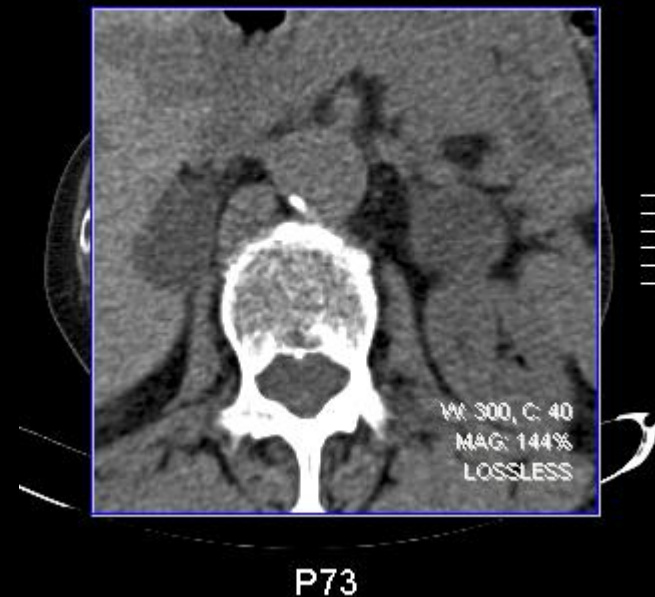


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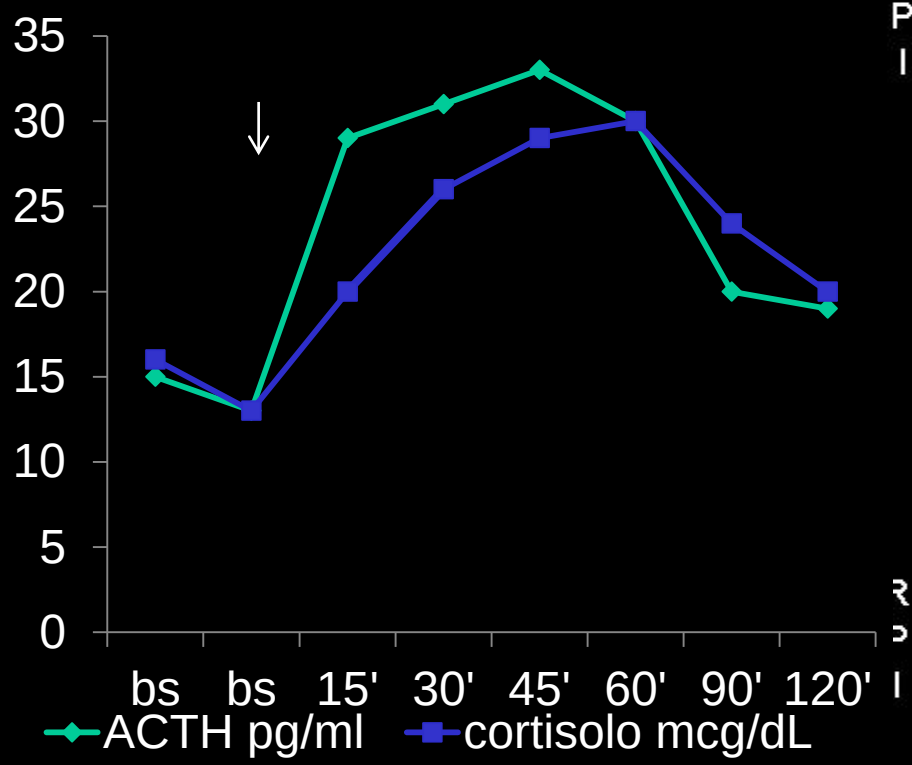
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ritmo circadiano di F abolito  
F dopo DEXA 1 mg 3,2 mcg/dL  
ACTH 15 pg/ml

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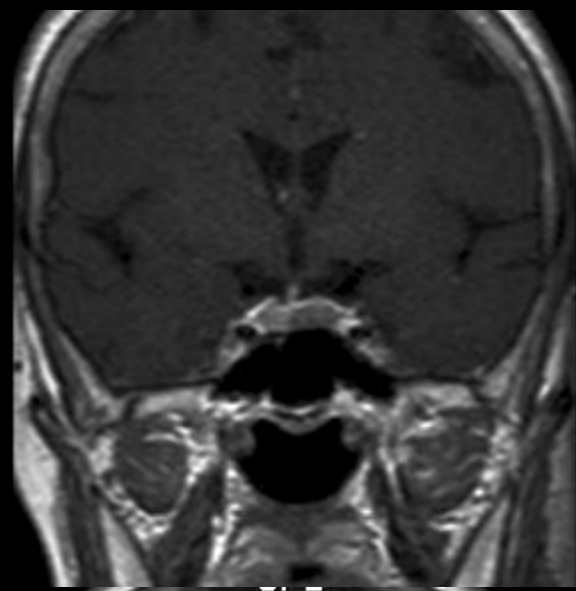




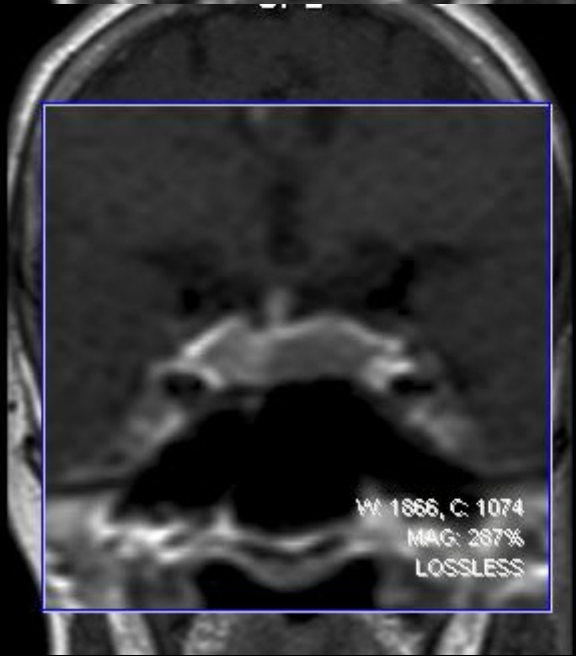
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# **Iperplasia surrenalica macronodulare ACTH indipendente (AIMAH)**



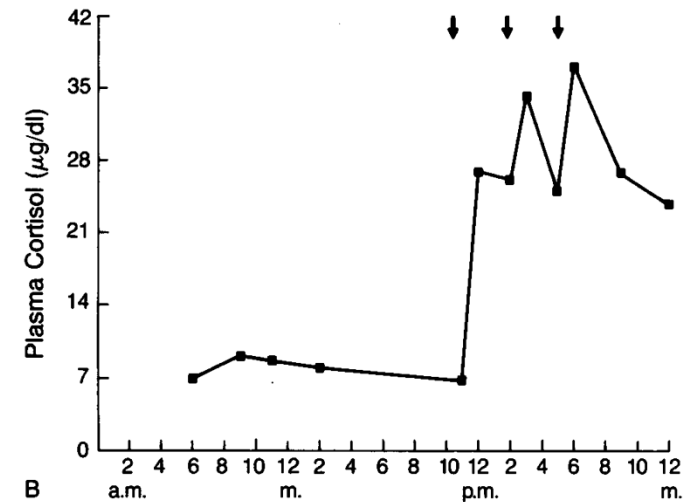
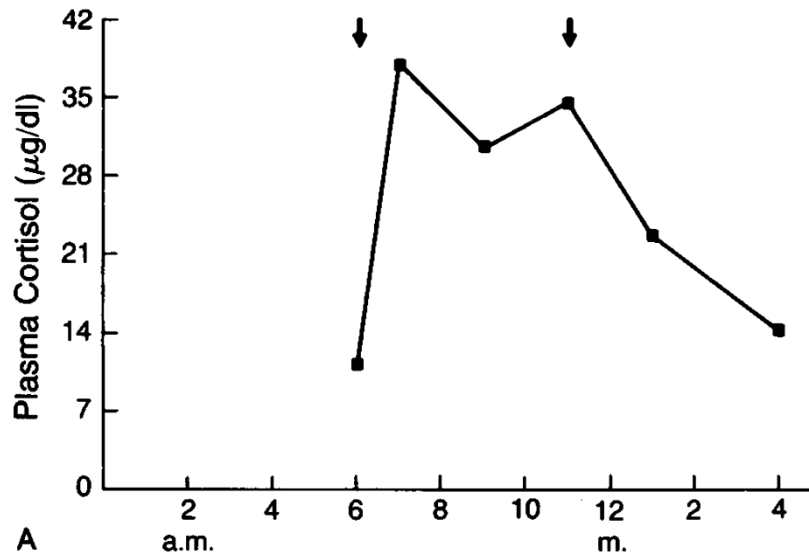




- **donne di circa 50 anni**
- **malattia databile da anni, ma non devastante**
- **valori di cortisoluria elevati ma non molto**
- **concentrazione di ACTH non rilevabile e non stimolabile (da metopirone o vasopressina (Reznik) o da CRH (Lacroix) neppure nei seni petrosi inferiori**
- **nessuna soppressione di cortisolo plasmatico o urinario con dose bassa o alta di desametasone**
- **normalità dei rilevati radiologici a livello ipofisario**
- **captazione scintigrafica bilaterale di iodocolesterolo**
- **massivo ingrossamento dei surreni con macronoduli multipli**

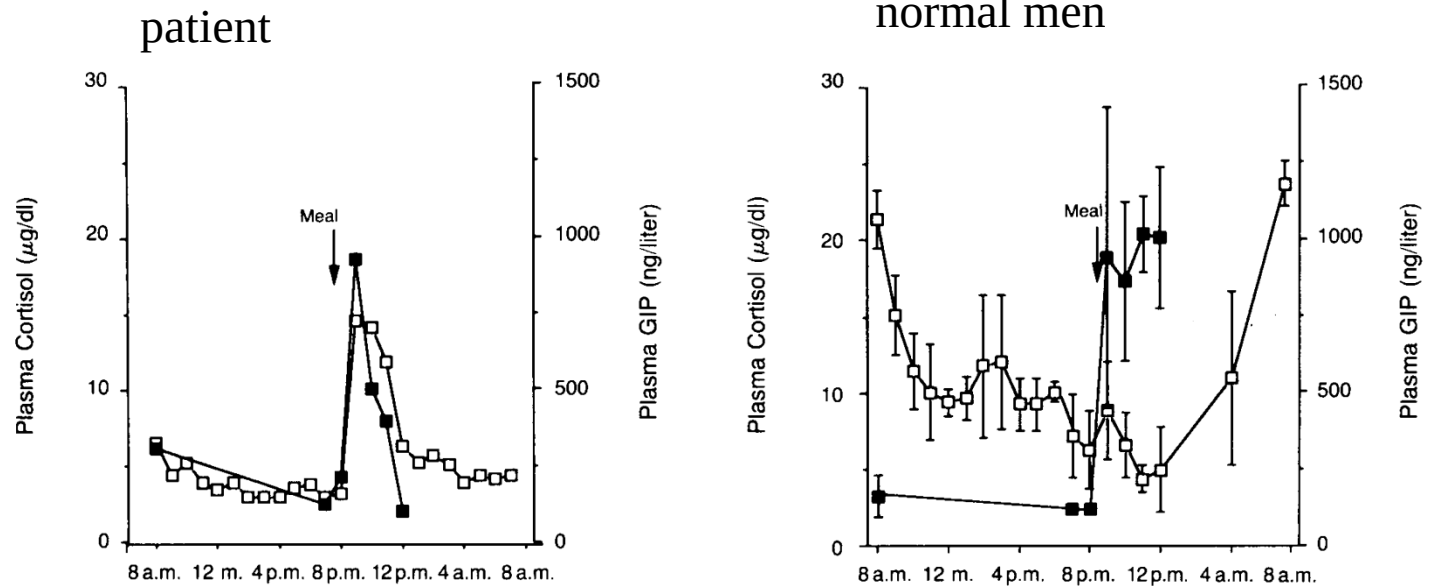


## GASTRIC INHIBITORY POLYPEPTIDE-DEPENDENT CORTISOL HYPERSECRETION — A NEW CAUSE OF CUSHING'S SYNDROME

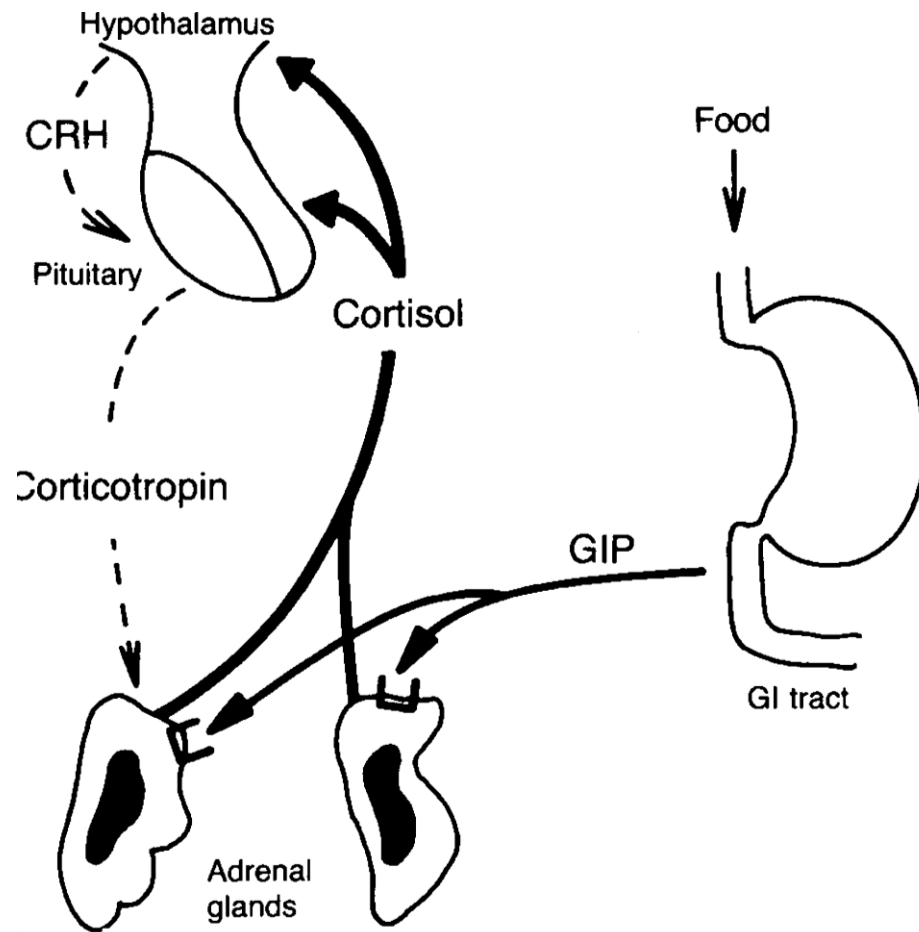


Plasma cortisol concentrations in a patient with food induced Cushing's syndrome during fasting and after eating. Cortisol concentrations measured in relation to meals (arrows) during the first and second day of oral high-dose dexamethasone testing

# FOOD-DEPENDENT CUSHING'S SYNDROME MEDIATED BY ABERRANT ADRENAL SENSITIVITY TO GASTRIC INHIBITORY POLYPEPTIDE



The 24 hour profile of plasma cortisol (white) and GIP (black) concentrations in a patient with food dependent Cushing's syndrome and three normal men





# Clinical and Genetic Heterogeneity, Overlap with Other Tumor Syndromes, and Atypical Glucocorticoid Hormone Secretion in Adrenocorticotropin-Independent Macronodular Adrenal Hyperplasia Compared with Other Adrenocortical Tumors

**TABLE 1.** Clinical and laboratory data for all patients with ACTH-independent macronodular adrenal hyperplasia and other adrenocortical tumors

|                                    | AIMAH (n = 16)               | ACS (n = 15)                 | APA (n = 19)  | SCA (n = 32)  | P value |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------|
| Gender (F:M)                       | 11:5                         | 11:4                         | 7:12          | 25:7          |         |
| Age (yr)                           | 46.8 ± 9.8                   | 44.3 ± 14.8                  | 51.2 ± 10.0   | 49.0 ± 10.7   | 0.32    |
| 8 AM cortisol (nmol/liter)         | 535.2 ± 198.6 <sup>a</sup>   | 538.0 ± 215.2 <sup>a</sup>   | 433.2 ± 82.8  | 389.0 ± 140.7 | 0.03    |
| 12 midnight cortisol (nmol/liter)  | 435.9 ± 242.8 <sup>b,c</sup> | 471.8 ± 355.9 <sup>b,c</sup> | 168.3 ± 57.9  | 129.7 ± 69.0  | <0.01   |
| ACTH (pmol/liter)                  | 1.9 ± 2.5 <sup>b</sup>       | 0.7 ± 0.4 <sup>d</sup>       | 4.8 ± 3.7     | 3.5 ± 2.3     | <0.01   |
| Cortisol, before DEX (nmol/liter)  | 527.0 ± 157.3                | 405.6 ± 126.9                | 485.6 ± 209.7 | 449.7 ± 182.1 | 0.35    |
| Cortisol, after DEX (nmol/liter)   | 320.0 ± 298.0 <sup>a,b</sup> | 303.5 ± 223.5 <sup>a</sup>   | 93.8 ± 88.3   | 85.5 ± 60.7   | <0.01   |
| UFC (nmol/d · g creatinine)        | 611.9 ± 320.7 <sup>c,d</sup> | 625.7 ± 448.5 <sup>c,d</sup> | 183.5 ± 123.6 | 135.2 ± 64.0  | <0.01   |
| 17OHS (nmol/d · g creatinine)      | 43.1 ± 20.4 <sup>c,d</sup>   | 29.8 ± 13.8 <sup>b</sup>     | 15.2 ± 10.8   | 18.2 ± 12.7   | <0.01   |
| Change at d 6 in Liddle's test (%) |                              |                              |               |               |         |
| UFC                                | 18.0 ± 48.0 <sup>b,c</sup>   | 44.6 ± 109.7 <sup>b,c</sup>  | −98.7 ± 0.1   | −90.3 ± 15.6  | <0.01   |
| 17OHS                              | 14.2 ± 47.1 <sup>b,c</sup>   | 10.6 ± 44.9 <sup>a</sup>     | −61.2 ± 7.5   | −57.5 ± 18.8  | <0.01   |

<sup>a</sup> *P* 0.05 compared with SCA.

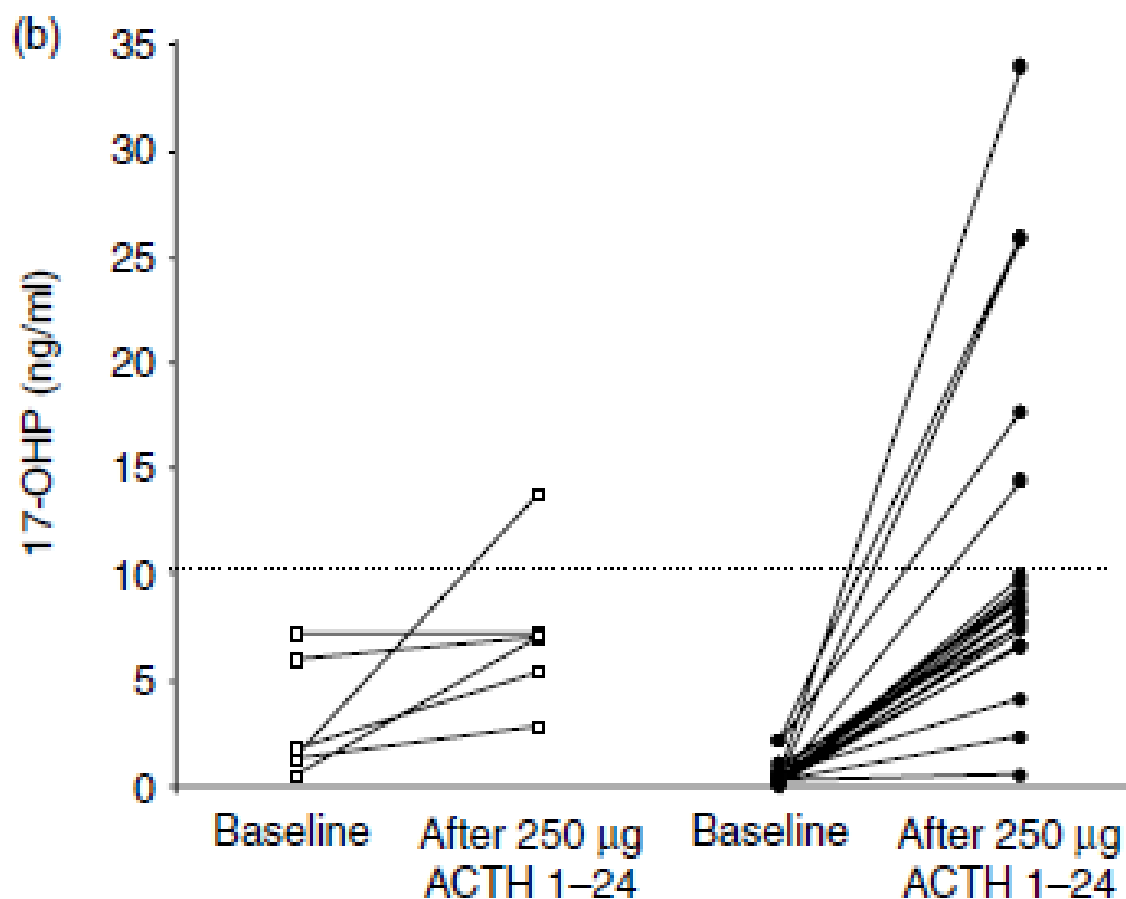
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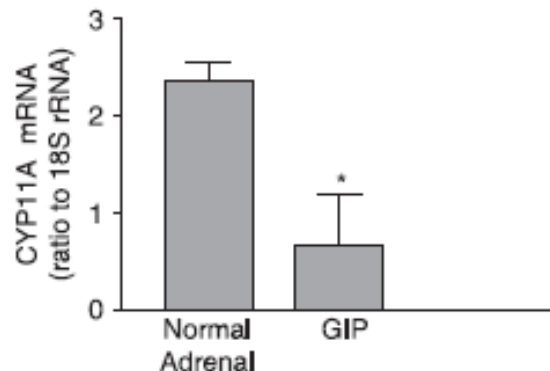
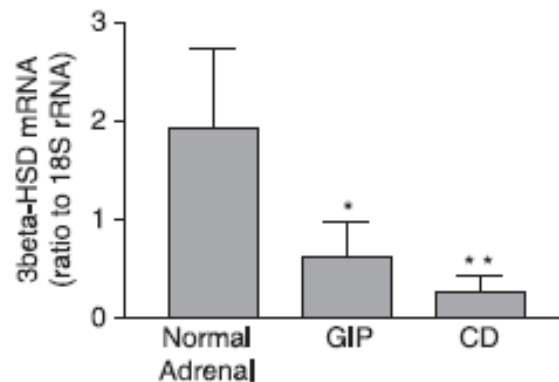
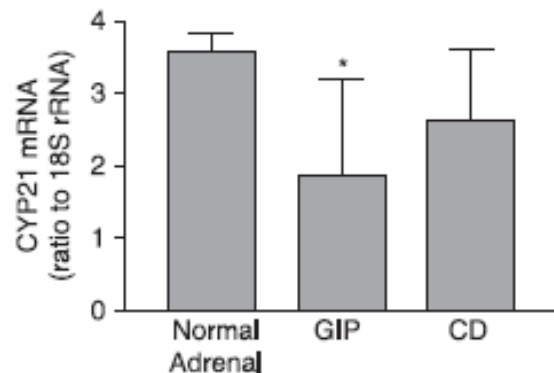


## Aberrant cortisol regulations in bilateral macronodular adrenal hyperplasia: a frequent finding in a prospective study of 32 patients with overt or subclinical Cushing's syndrome



Response of serum 17-OHP after the administration of 250 mg ACTH in patients with CS (white boxes) and with SCS (black dots)

# Expression of ACTH receptor pathway genes in glucose-dependent insulinotropic peptide (GIP)-dependent Cushing's syndrome



Expression levels of CYP11A, 3 $\beta$ -HSD and CYP21 mRNA (CYP11A/r18S, 3 $\beta$ -HSD/r18S and CYP21/r18S ratios) in normal adrenals, GIP-dependent adrenal tissues, and adrenals from patients with CD. Each bar and line represents the mean  $\pm$ SD of the ratio.

\*Significantly different from normal at  $P < 0.002$

for CYP21,  $P < 0.04$  for 3 $\beta$ -HSD and  $P < 0.04$  for CYP11A. \*\*Significantly different from normal at  $P < 0.06$  for 3 $\beta$ -HSD.



## Caratteristiche suggestive di AIMAH

Età più avanzata che per altre forme di ipertisolismo  
ACTH indipendente

Frequente forma subclinica di ipercortisolismo (ACTH  
dosabile e responsivo a CRH)

Possibili concentrazioni ridotte di cortisolo a digiuno (ed  
elevate dopo il pasto)

Elevata risposta di 17OHP alla stimolazione con ACTH





# **Recettori ormonali «illeciti»**

**GIP**

**Vasopressina**

**Catecolamine**

**LH/hCG**

**Serotonina**

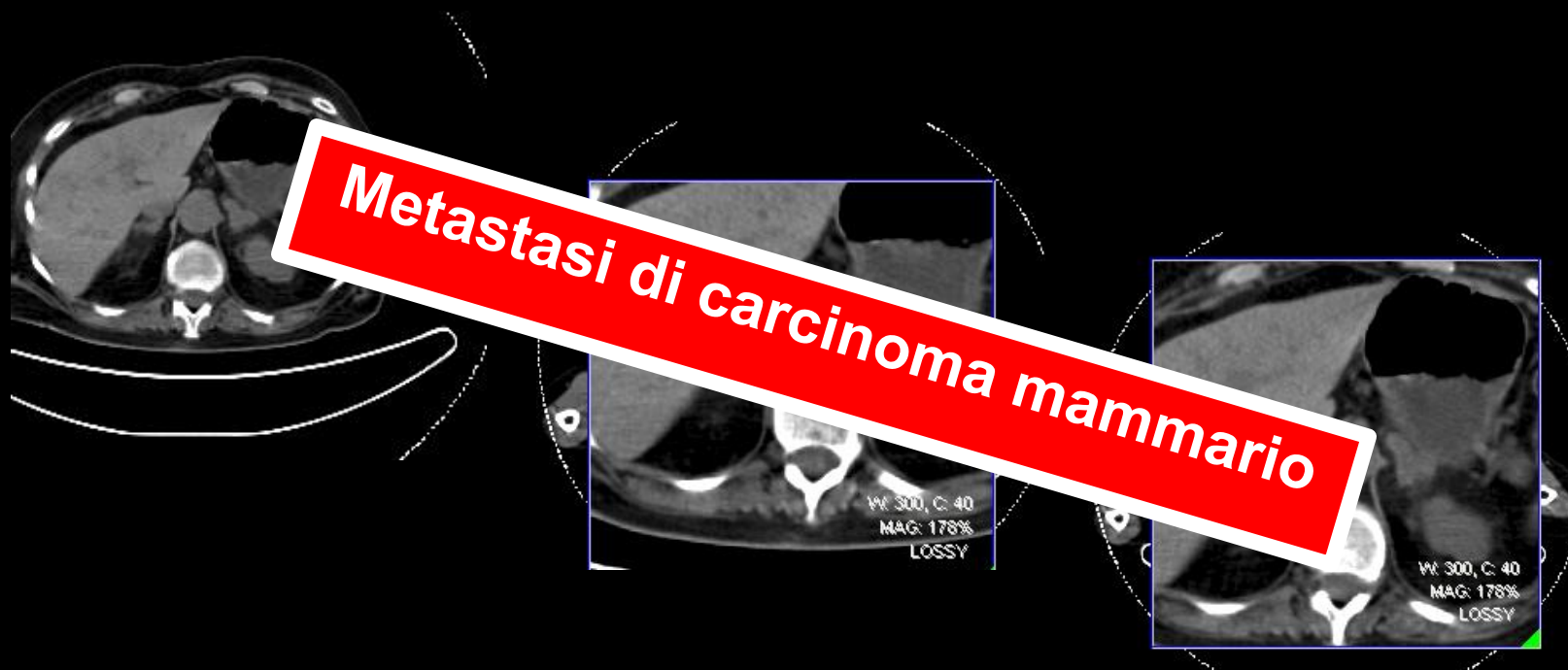
**Angiotensina**



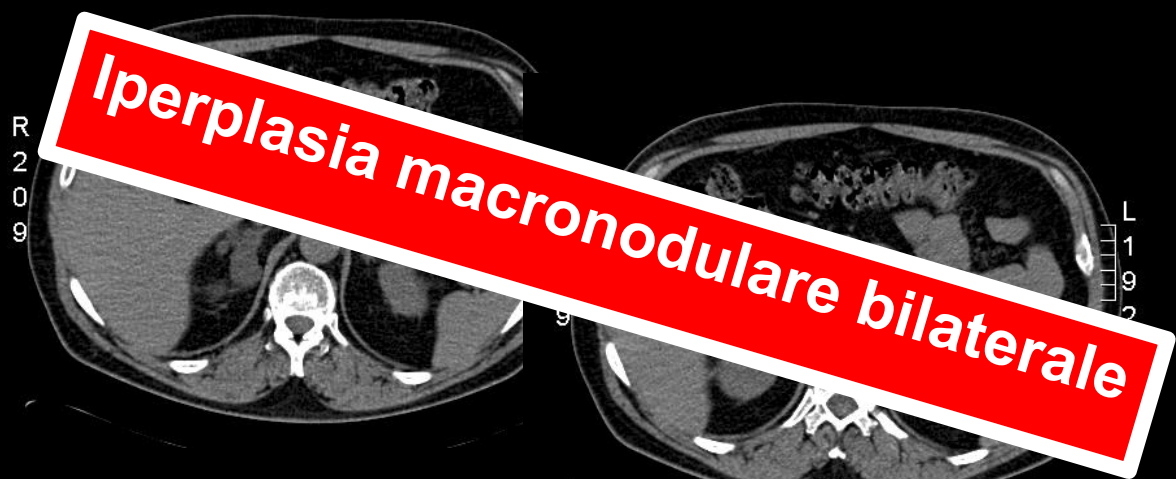
## In vivo screening protocol to detect the presence of aberrant hormone receptors in adrenal Cushing's syndrome

| Time, min | Day 1                | Day 2           | Day 3                         |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| -60       | Fasting-supine       | Fasting-supine  | Fasting-supine                |
| -15       | *                    | *               | *                             |
| 0         | Upright*             | GnRH 100 mcg IV | Glucagon 1 mg IV*             |
| +30'      | Upright*             | *               | *                             |
| +60'      | Upright*             | *               | *                             |
| +90'      | Upright*             | *               | *                             |
| +120'     | Upright*             | *               | *                             |
| +150'     | Supine*              | (Meal)          |                               |
| +180'     | Mixed meal*          |                 | Vasopressin 10 IU IM*         |
| +210'     | *                    |                 | *                             |
| +240'     | *                    |                 | *                             |
| +270'     | *                    | *               | *                             |
| +300'     | *                    | TRH 200 mcg IV  | *                             |
| +330'     |                      | *               |                               |
| +360'     | ACTH 1-24 250mcg IV* | *               | Metoclopramide 10 mg orally * |
| +390'     | *                    | *               | *                             |
| +420'     | *                    | *               | *                             |
| +450'     | *                    |                 | *                             |
| +480'     | *                    |                 | *                             |

\*Blood samples for determination of cortisol, ACTH, other hormones and vital signs



**Metastasi di carcinoma mammario**



**Iperplasia macronodulare bilaterale**



## **The Ectopic Expression of the Gastric Inhibitory Polypeptide Receptor Is Frequent in Adrenocorticotropin-Independent Bilateral Macronodular Adrenal Hyperplasia, but Rare in Unilateral Tumors**

Prevalenza della espressione «ectopica» del recettore di GIP in 16 adenomi surrenalici, 14 carcinomi e 8 AIMAH:

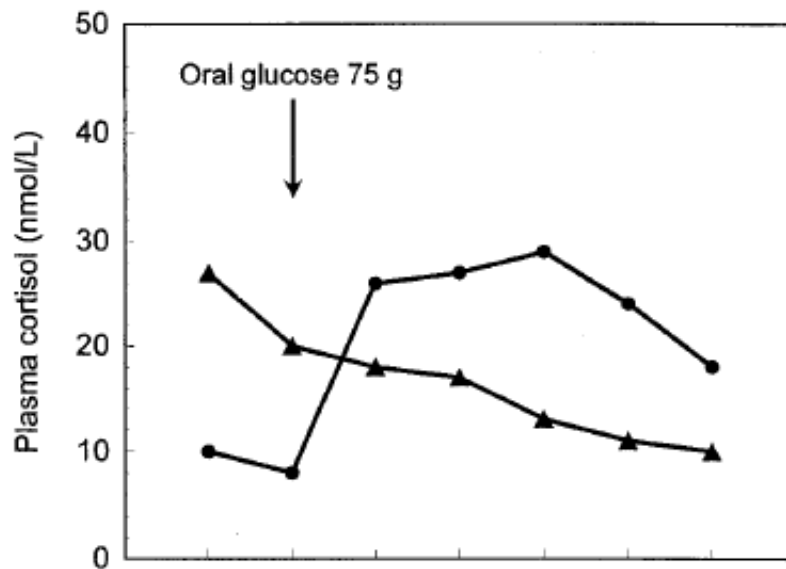
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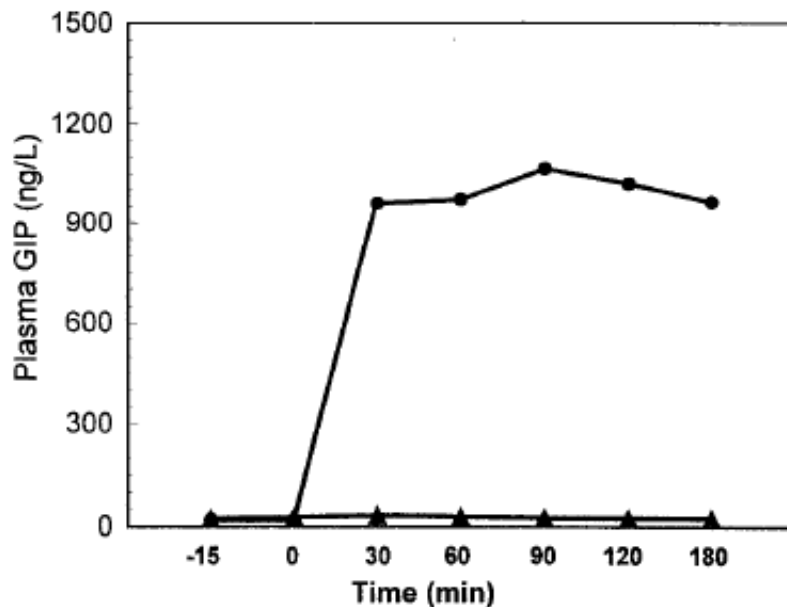
4/8 AIMAH



# Asynchronous Development of Bilateral Nodular Adrenal Hyperplasia in Gastric Inhibitory Polypeptide-Dependent Cushing's Syndrome



Plasma cortisol and GIP responses to 75 g oral glucose administration given 3 months after right adrenalectomy in the patient with GIP-dependent Cushing's syndrome. After the right adrenalectomy, Tests were performed on two different mornings, after a 12-h overnight fast either without (circle), or 60 min after the sc administration of 100mg Octreotide (triangle)

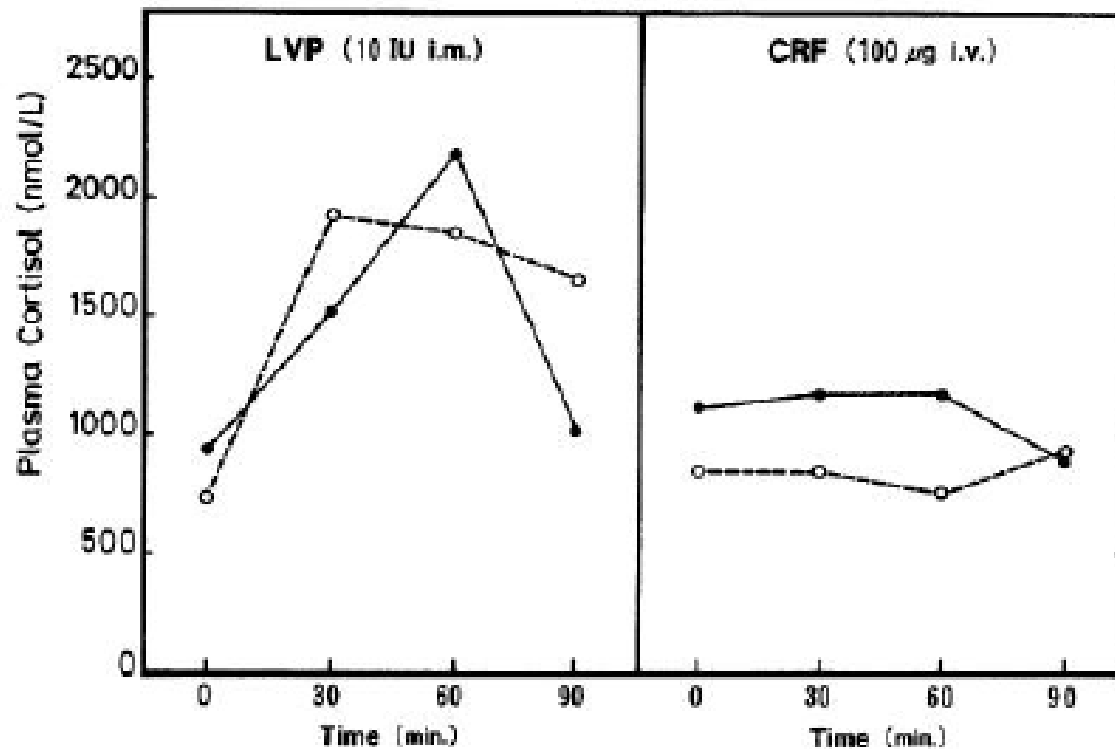




vasopressina



# Lysine Vasopressin Stimulation of Cortisol Secretion in Patients with Adrenocorticotropin-Independent Macronodular Adrenal Hyperplasia



Plasma cortisol levels after LVP and hCRH injection in patient 1 and patient 2. Both patients showed plasma cortisol responses to LVP (left panel), but not to hCRH (right panel). Plasma ACTH levels remained undetectable after both stimuli in the two patients.

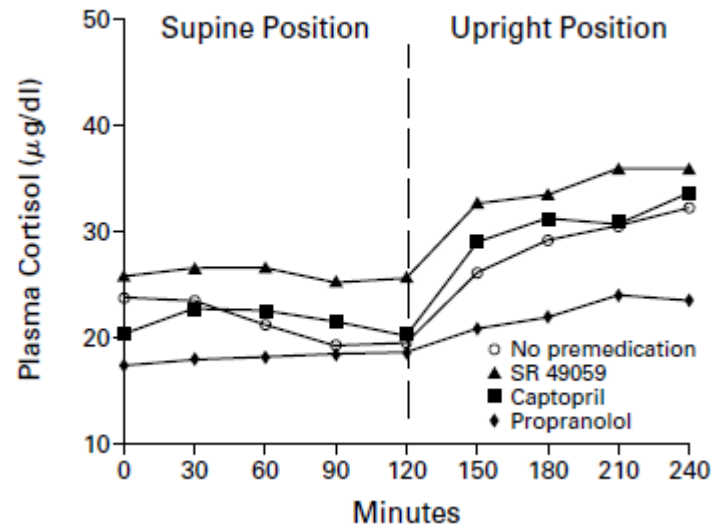


# Recettore beta adrenergico

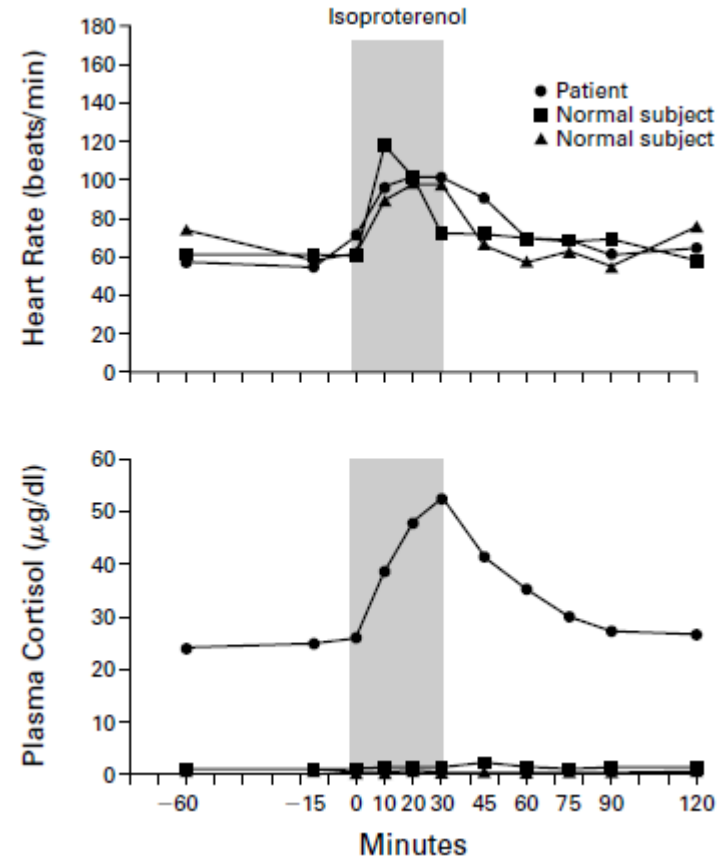




# PROPRANOLOL THERAPY FOR ECTOPIC *b*-ADRENERGIC RECEPTORS IN ADRENAL CUSHING'S SYNDROME



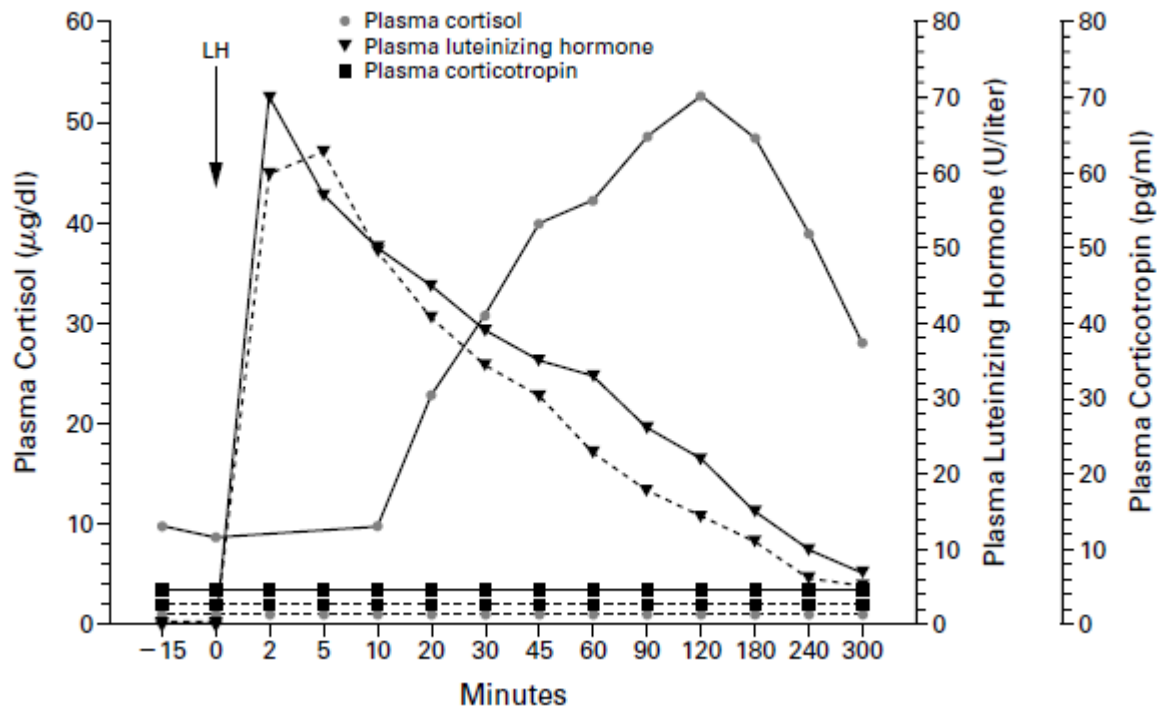
Effects of Posture on Plasma Cortisol Concentrations in a Patient with Cushing's Syndrome and Bilateral Macronodular Adrenal Hyperplasia.



Changes in the Heart Rate and Plasma Cortisol Concentrations during the Infusion of Isoproterenol in a Patient with Cushing's Syndrome and Corticotropin-Independent Bilateral Macronodular Adrenal Hyperplasia and Two Normal Subjects.



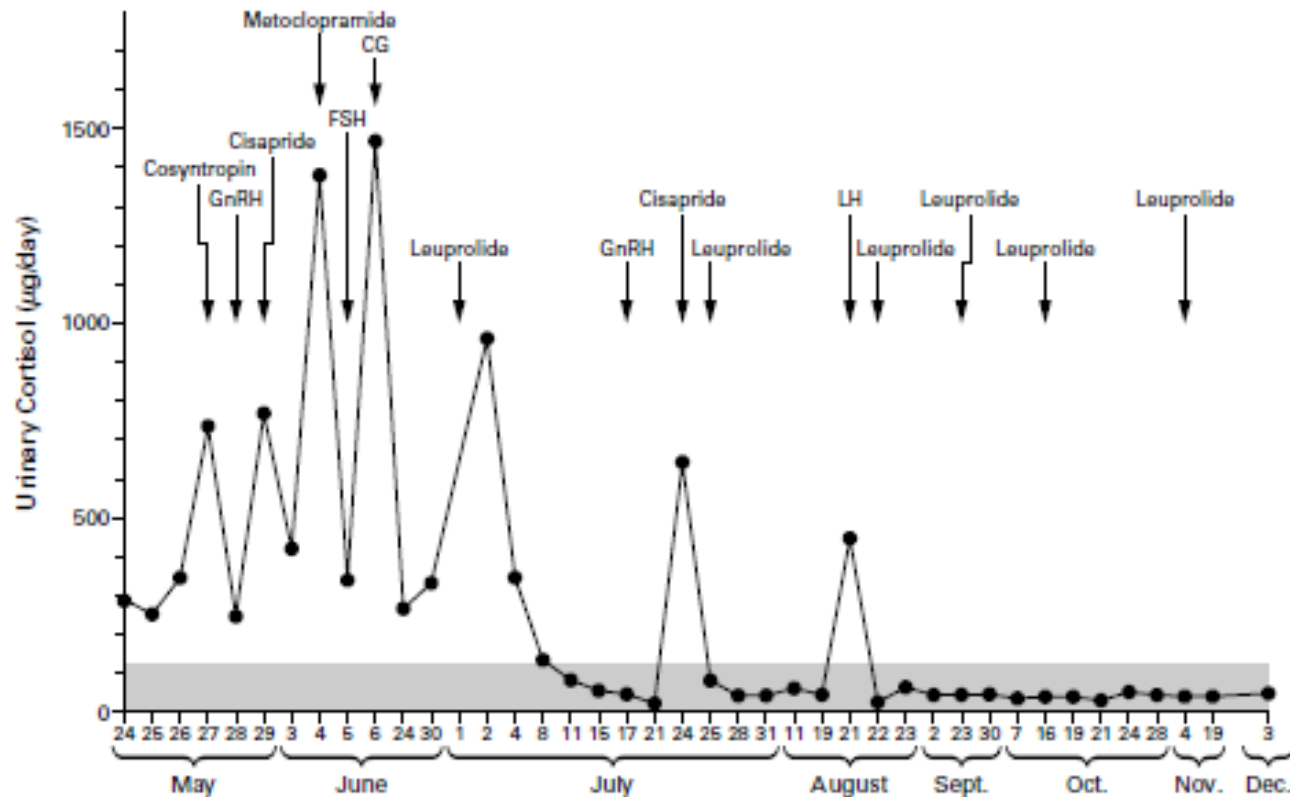
# Leuprolide acetate therapy in Luteinizing hormone-dependent Cushing's syndrome



Plasma Cortisol, Luteinizing Hormone, and Corticotropin Concentrations after the Intravenous Administration of 300 U of Recombinant Human Luteinizing Hormone (LH; Arrow) in the Patient with Cushing's Syndrome and Corticotropin-Independent Bilateral Macronodular Adrenal Hyperplasia (Solid Lines) and a Control Woman (Dashed Lines).

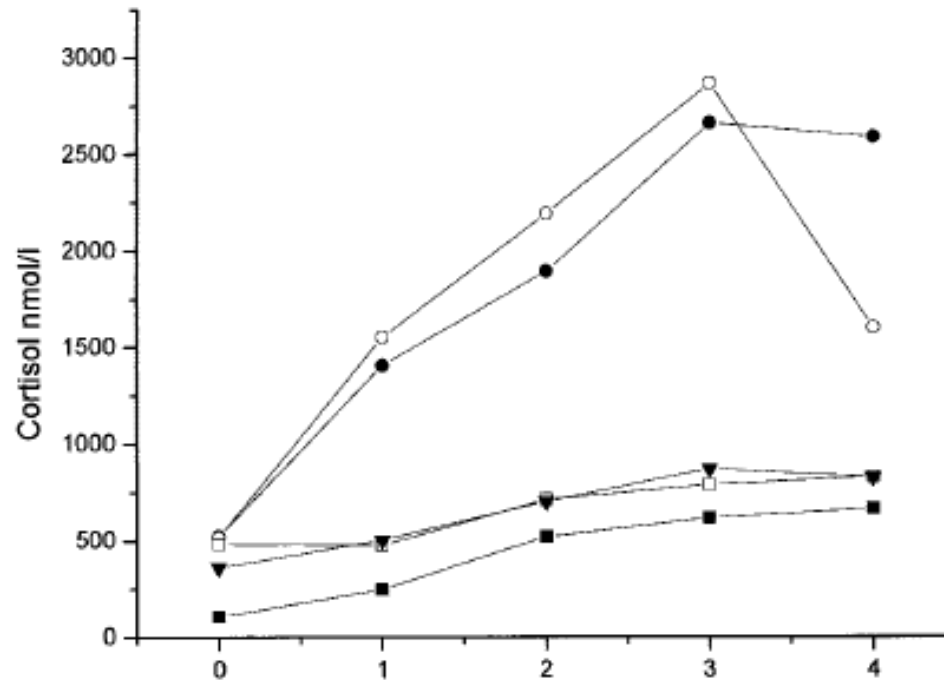


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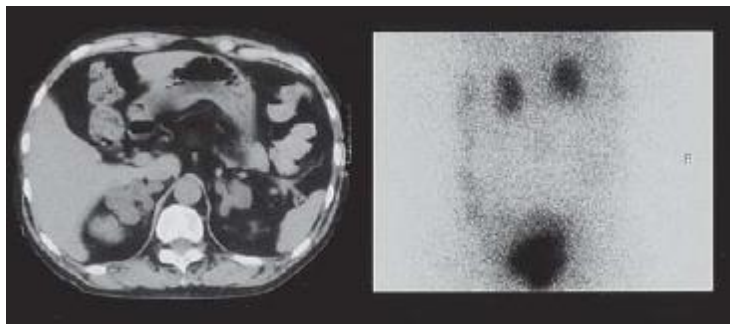
# Cushing's Syndrome in a Patient with Bilateral Macronodular Adrenal Hyperplasia Responding to Cisapride: An in Vivo and in Vitro Study



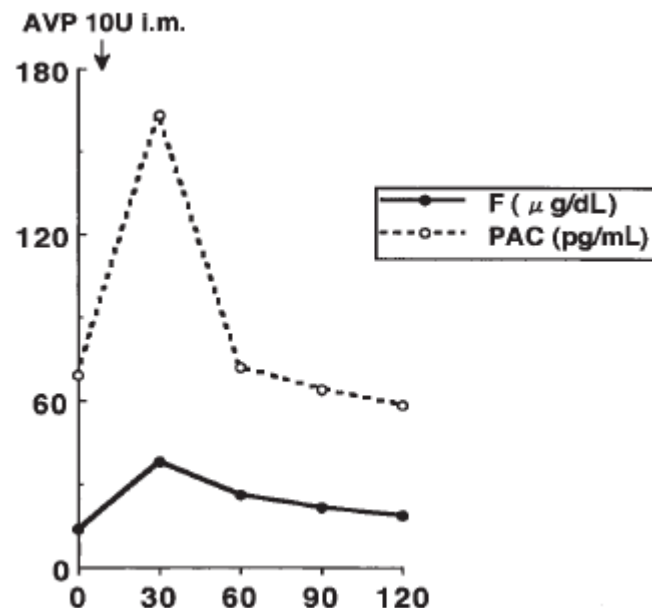
Cortisol response to cisapride administration (10 mg orally) before surgery (*filled circles*, first testing; *open circles*, second testing) and after surgery (*filled squares*, 1 wk after surgery; *open squares*, 4 months after surgery; *filled triangles*, 16 months after surgery).



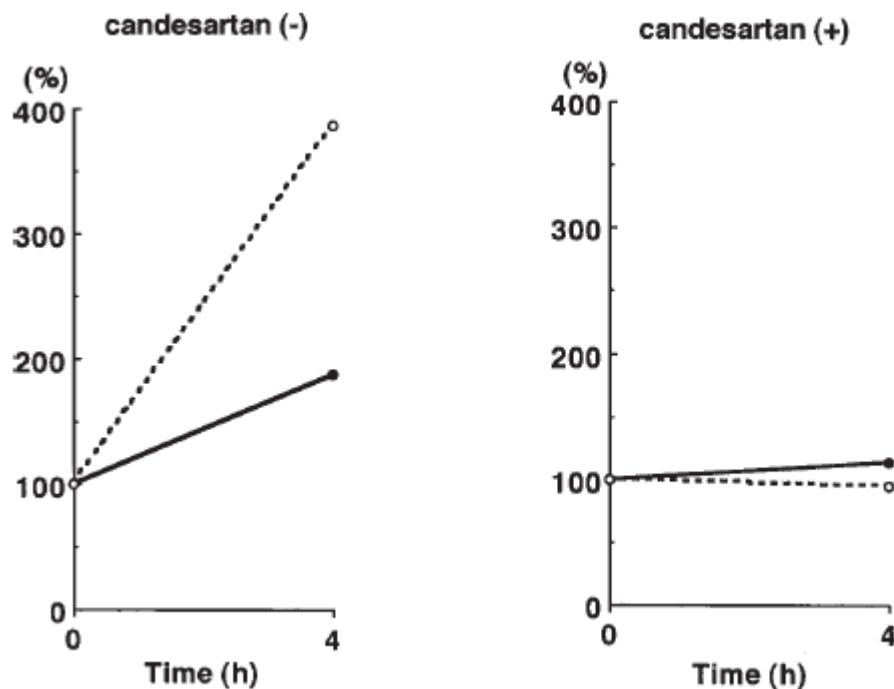
# Case of ACTH-Independent Macronodular Adrenal Hyperplasia with Possible Adrenal Hypersensitivity to Angiotensin II



(Left) Abdominal CT of the patient demonstrating nodular enlargement of bilateral adrenal glands; (right) iodocholesterol scintigraphy while taking 2 mg of dexamethasone daily, which reveals a marked uptake of radioactivity into the bilateral adrenal glands.



AVP loading test (10 U intramuscularly). F, plasma cortisol concentration (μg/dL); PAC, plasma aldosterone concentration (pg/mL).



Upright posture (4 h) test. Changes in plasma cortisol and aldosterone levels without (left) or with (right) pretreatment with 8 mg of candesartan are demonstrated. Each hormone concentration after upright posture is shown as a percentage of baseline value. F, plasma cortisol concentration; PAC, plasma aldosterone concentration

# Screening per recettori ormonali «illeciti»

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Groussin 2002

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**Clinical and Genetic Heterogeneity, Overlap with Other Tumor Syndromes, and Atypical Glucocorticoid Hormone Secretion in Adrenocorticotropin Independent Macronodular Adrenal Hyperplasia Compared with Other Adrenocortical Tumors**

Hsiao 2009

**TABLE 2.** Response to testing for aberrant receptor expression in patients with AIMAH and ACS

|             | AIMAH (n = 14) |      | ACS (n = 12) |      |
|-------------|----------------|------|--------------|------|
|             |                | %    |              | %    |
| Posture     | 4/11           | 36.4 | 3/12         | 25.0 |
| Meal        | 1/12           | 8.3  | 0/11         | 0.0  |
| GnRH        | 1/6            | 16.7 | 0/8          | 0.0  |
| TRH         | 1/3            | 33.3 | 1/8          | 12.5 |
| GHRH        | 2/11           | 18.2 | 0/10         | 0.0  |
| Glucagon    | 0/10           | 0.0  | 2/11         | 18.2 |
| Vasopressin | 5/11           | 45.5 | 4/10         | 40.0 |

The denominator stands for the number of patients being tested; the numerator stands for the number of patients with positive response (>150% increasing).

**Are Ectopic or Abnormal Membrane Hormone Receptors Frequently Present in Adrenal Cushing's Syndrome?\***

Mircescu 2000

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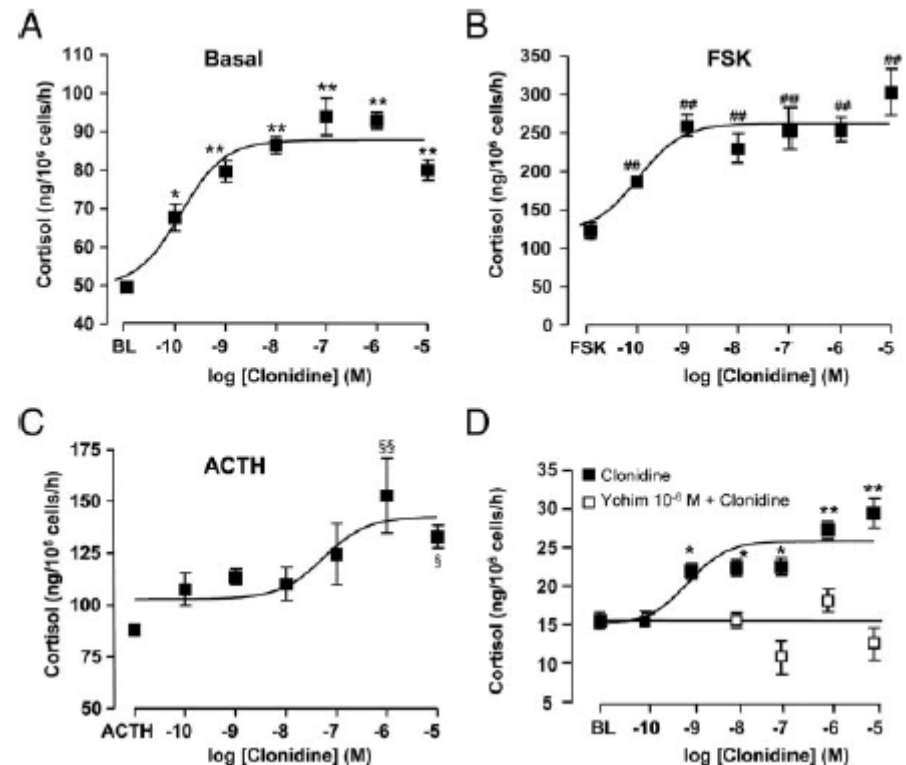
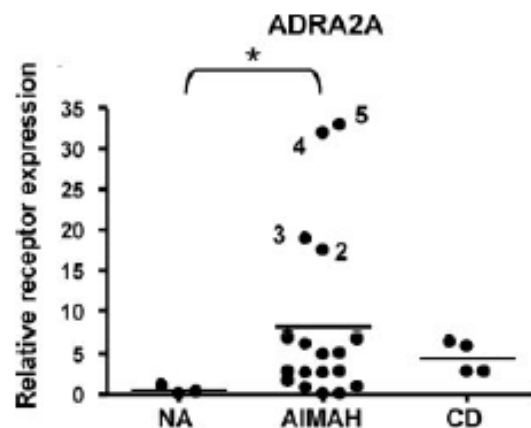
**TABLE 2.** Plasma cortisol responses to the various screening tests and associated abnormal hormone receptor in patients with AIMAH and Cushing's syndrome

| Patient number | Upright posture | Mixed meal | GnRH (100 µg iv) | TRH (200 µg iv) | Glucagon (1 mg iv) | AVP (10 IU im) | Cisapride (10 mg orally) | Abnormal receptor            |
|----------------|-----------------|------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1              | nd              | 398        | nd               | nd              | 106                | 66             | nd                       | GIPR                         |
| 2              | 143             | 61         | 89               | 89              | 82                 | 337            | nd                       | V1-AVPR                      |
| 3              | 177             | 85         | 77               | 60              | 87                 | 136            | 108                      | β-AR                         |
| 4              | 169             | 57         | 89               | 74              | 89                 | 247            | 128                      | V1-AVPR and β-AR             |
| 5              | 114             | 236        | 109              | 110             | 109                | 63             | 84                       | GIPR                         |
| 6              | 106             | 81         | 214              | 62              | 81                 | 91             | 476                      | LH/hCG and 5-HT <sub>4</sub> |

Cortisol values are expressed as percent maximal change from basal levels (100%). A value less than 125% was considered as a nonresponse, 125–149% as a partial response, and 150% and more as a positive response.

AIMAH, ACTH-independent macronodular hyperplasia; AVP, arginine-vasopressin; nd, not done.

# Systematic Analysis of G Protein-Coupled Receptor Gene Expression in Adrenocorticotropin-Independent Macronodular Adrenocortical Hyperplasia Identifies Novel Targets for Pharmacological Control of Adrenal Cushing's Syndrome



Effect of graded concentrations (from 10<sup>-10</sup> to 10<sup>-5</sup> M) of the ADRA2A agonist clonidine on basal and FSK- or ACTH-induced stimulation of cortisol production in AIMAH cells



## **Cause molecolari implicate nella patogenesi di AIMAH**

- **Gs $\alpha$**
- **Menina**
- **MC2R**
- **APC**
- **FH**
- **PDE11A**





# **Terapia medica**

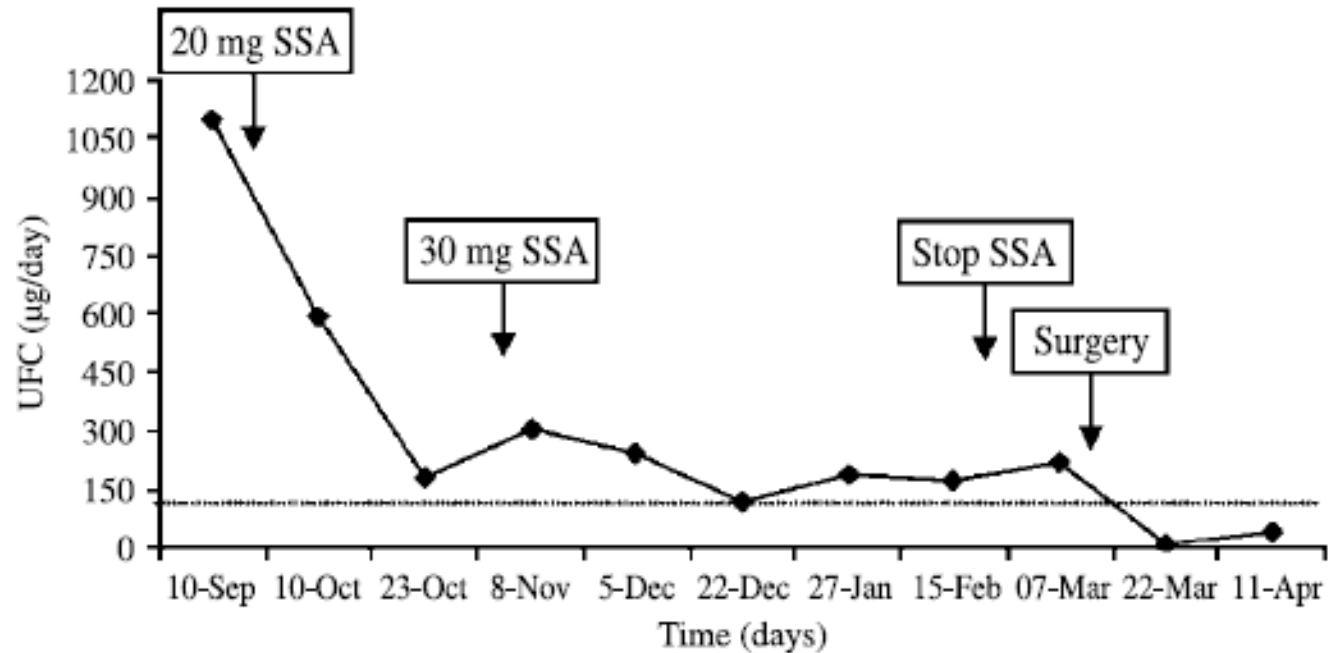
**Analoghi di somatostatina**

**Antagonisti GnRH**

**Bloccanti beta-adrenergici**

**Inibitori steroidogenesi surrenalica**

# Food-dependent Cushing's syndrome: from molecular characterization to therapeutical results





# Analoghi di somatostatina

## **FOOD-DEPENDENT CUSHING'S SYNDROME MEDIATED BY ABERRANT ADRENAL SENSITIVITY TO GASTRIC INHIBITORY POLYPEPTIDE**

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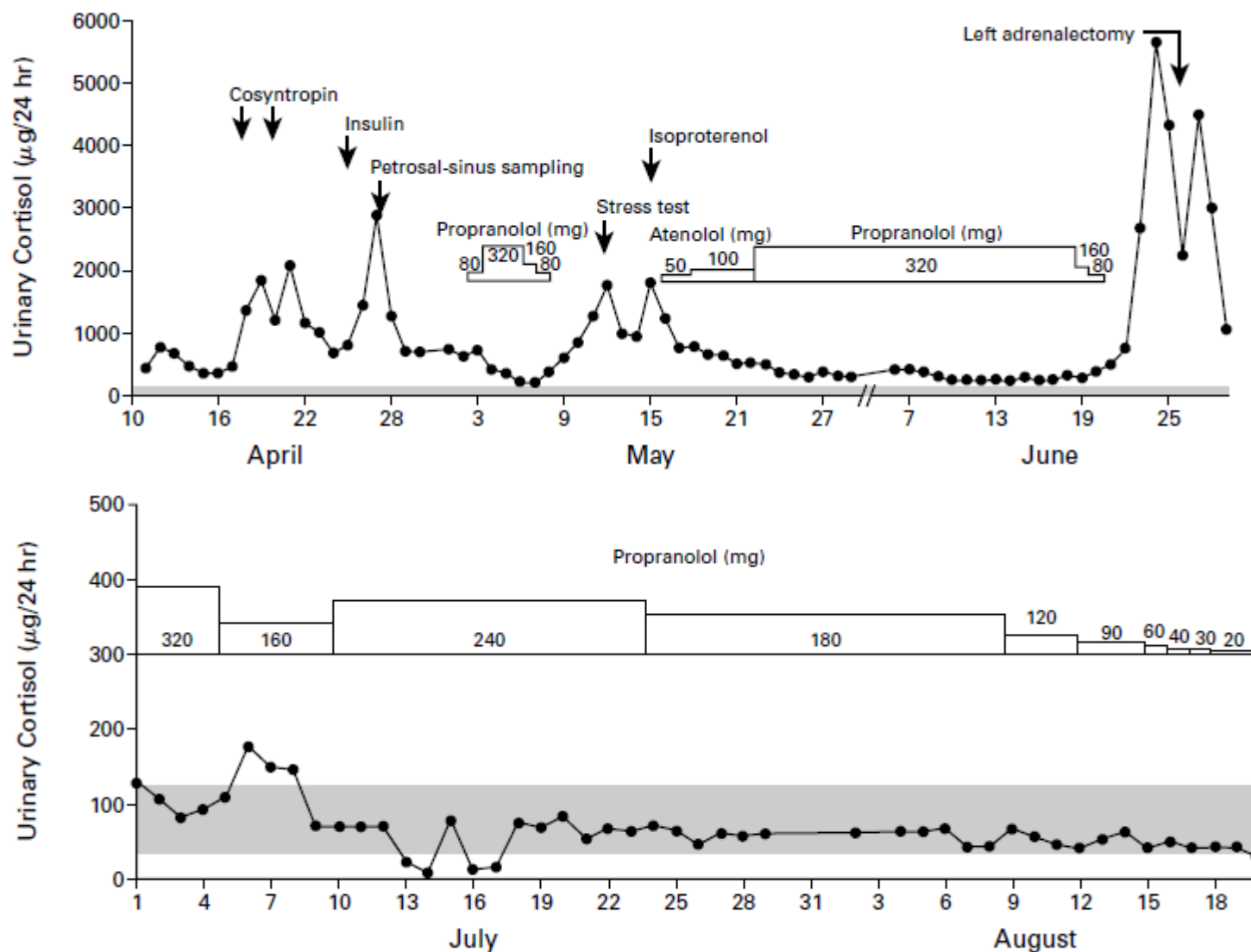
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## **Transient Efficacy of Octreotide and Pasireotide (SOM230) Treatment in GIP-dependent Cushing's Syndrome**

Preumont 2011



# PROPRANOLOL THERAPY FOR ECTOPIC *b*-ADRENERGIC RECEPTORS IN ADRENAL CUSHING'S SYNDROME

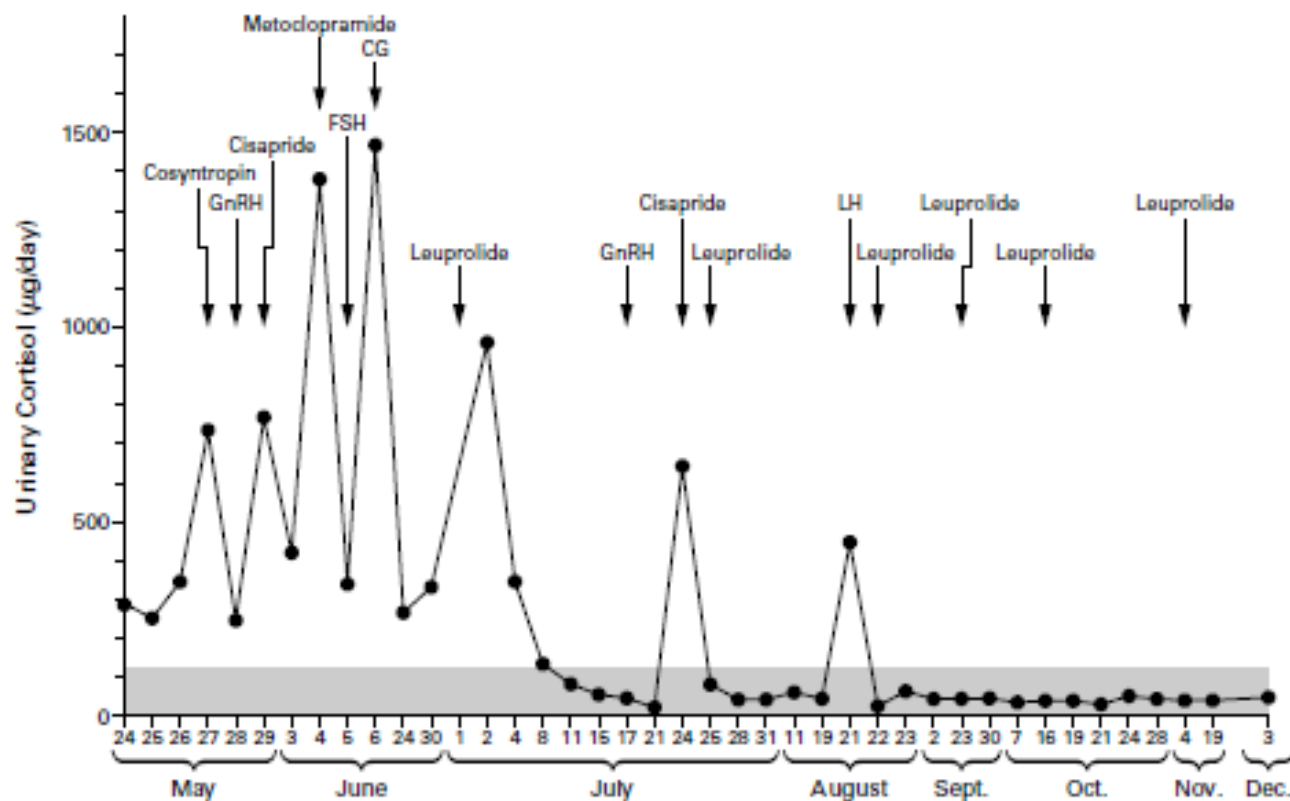


Urinary Cortisol Excretion in a Patient with Cushing's Syndrome and Bilateral Macronodular Adrenal Hyperplasia during the Initial Studies and Treatment (Upper Panel) and after Left Adrenalectomy (Lower Panel).

Lacroix 1997

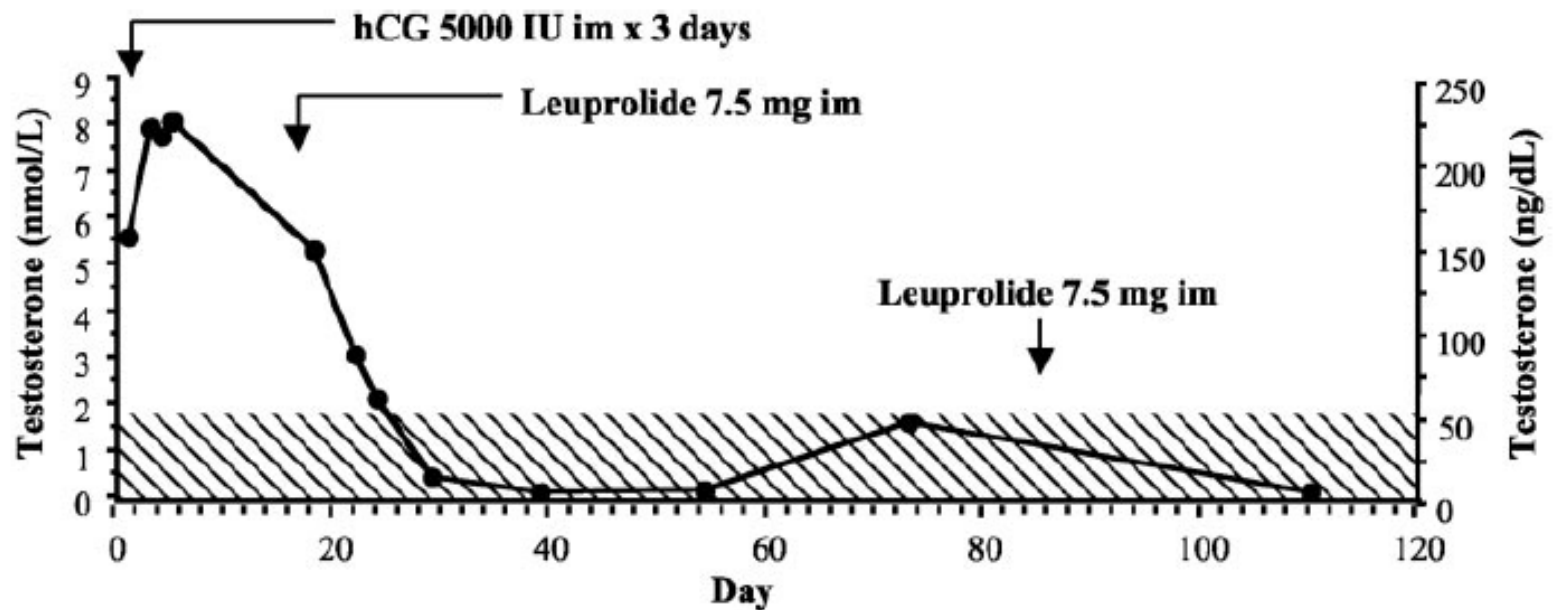


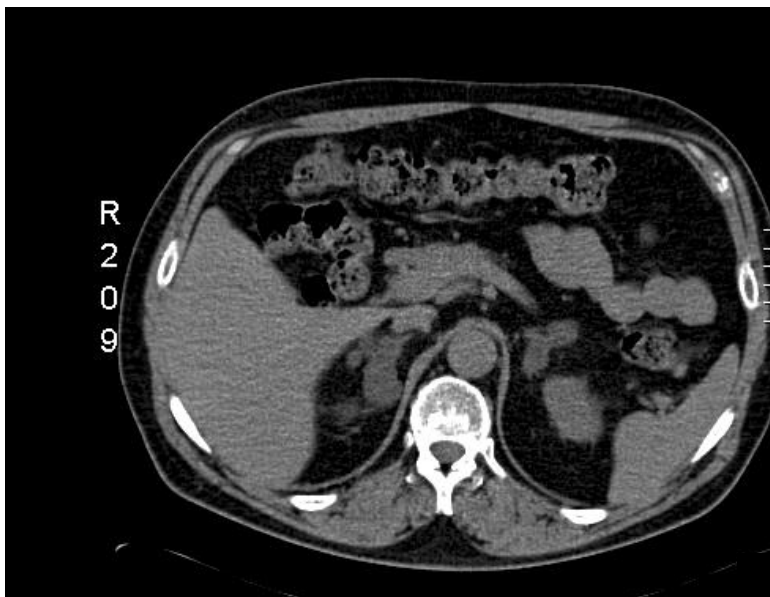
# Leuprolide acetate therapy in Luteinizing hormone-dependent Cushing's syndrome





# Virilization in Bilateral Macronodular Adrenal Hyperplasia Controlled by Luteinizing Hormone





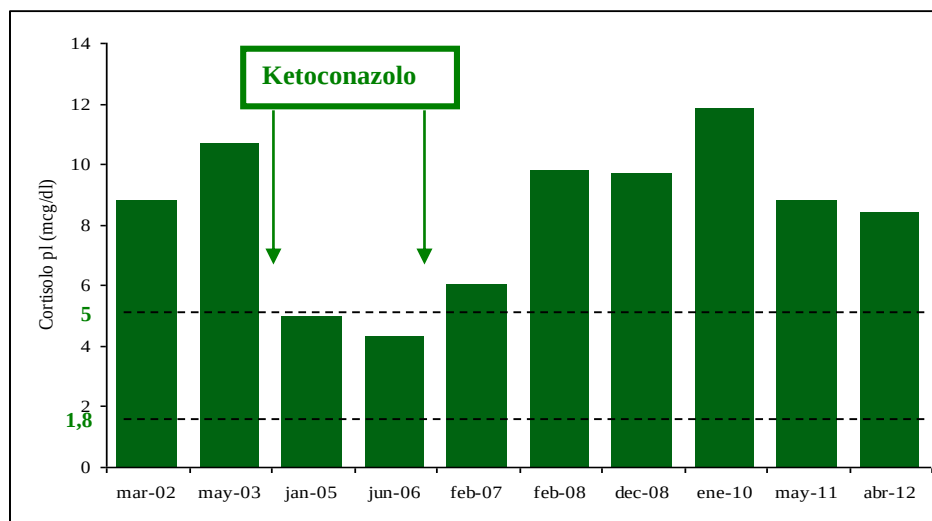
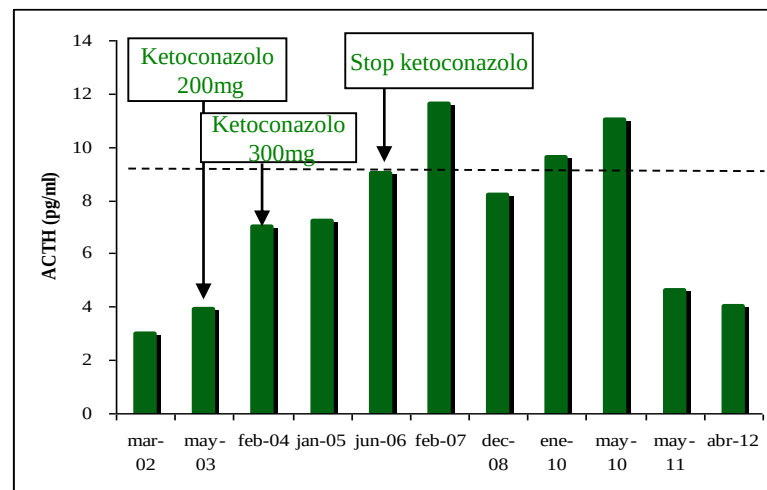
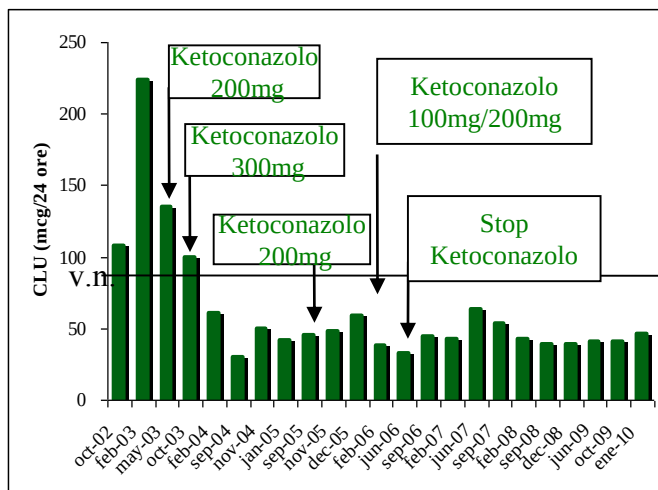
Soggetto obeso  
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con ridotta tolleranza agli zuccheri  
osteopenia  
riscontro incidentale di masse  
surrenaliche bilaterali



**E R, 57aa**



# Trattamento con Ketoconazolo



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# Terapia chirurgica

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## CLINICAL STUDY

### **Is unilateral adrenalectomy an alternative treatment for ACTH-independent macronodular adrenal hyperplasia?: long-term follow-up of four cases**

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### **The Role of Unilateral Adrenalectomy in ACTH-Independent Macronodular Adrenal Hyperplasia (AIMAH)**

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**Iperplasia (displasia) micronodulare  
surrenalica ACTH indipendente**

**e la sua variante più frequente:**

**PPNAD  
(sporadica o familiare)**

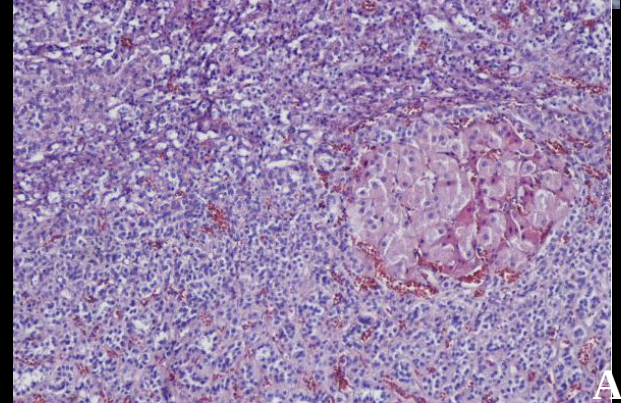
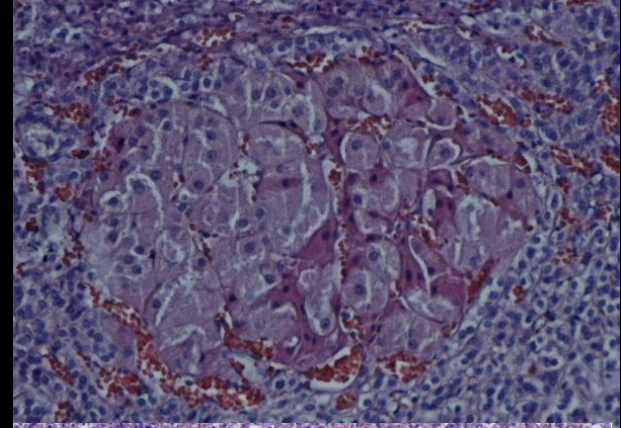
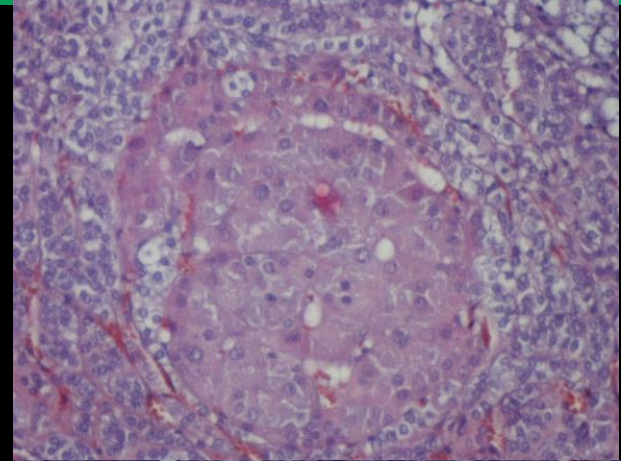
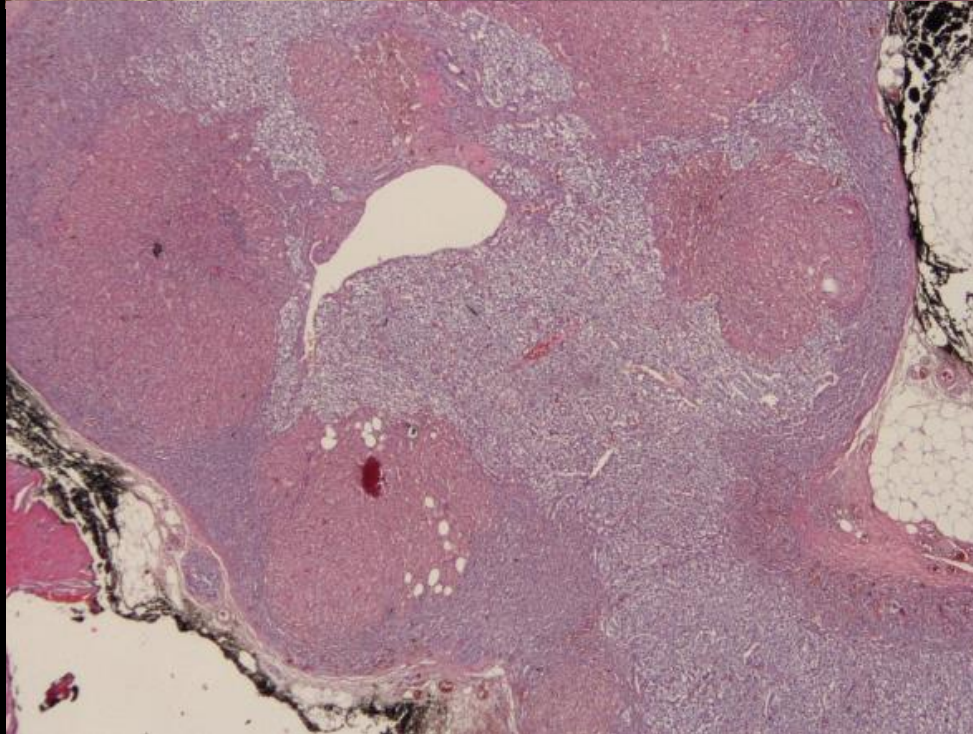
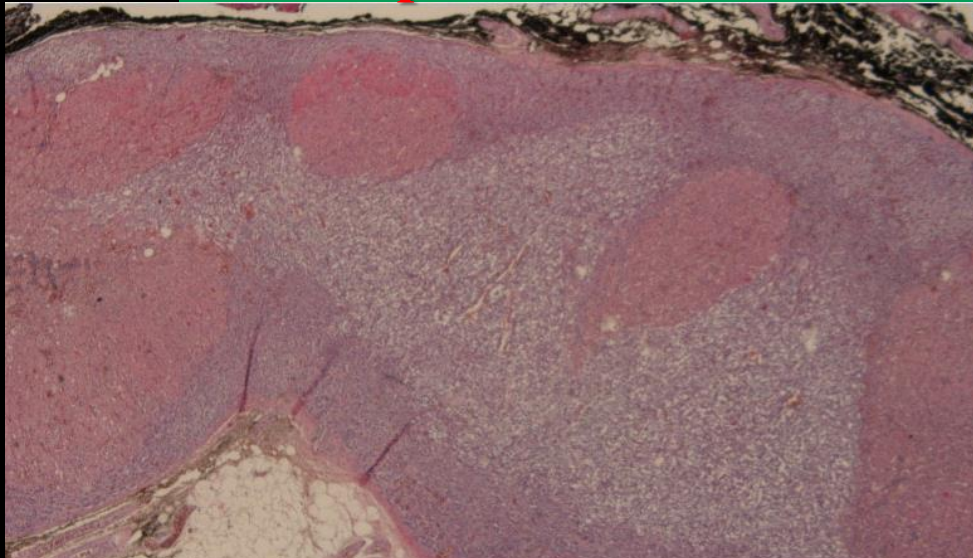


# **Iperplasia (displasia) micronodulare surrenalica ACTH indipendente – PRESENTAZIONE CLINICA**

- **Malattia rara  
Sporadica/ereditaria (PPNAD, Carney Complex)**
- **Età giovanile (bambino, giovane adulto, raramente oltre 40 aa)**
- **Ipercortisolismo: lentamente progressivo, ciclico  
raramente a remissione spontanea**
- **Osteoporosi**
- **Non deficit staturale (forme cicliche)**
- **ACTH non completamente soppresso (forme lievi, cicliche)**
- **Risposta paradossa alla somministrazione di desametasone**



# Iperplasia (displasia) micronodulare surrenalica ACTH indipendente – ISTOLOGIA





### **MAJOR DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA**

Spotty skin pigmentation with typical distribution (lips, conjunctiva and inner or outer canthi, vaginal and penile mucosa)  
Myxoma \* (cutaneous and mucosal)  
Cardiac myxoma \*  
Breast myxomatosis or fat suppressed magnetic resonance imaging findings suggestive of this diagnosis  
PPNAD\* or paroxical positive response of urinary glucocorticoid excretion to dexamethasone administration during Liddle's test  
Acromegaly due to GH-producing adenoma\*  
LCCSCT or characteristic calcification on testicular ultrasound  
Thyroid carcinoma\* or multiple, hypoechoic nodules on thyroid ultrasound in a young patient  
Psammomatous melanotic schwannomas\*  
Blue nevus, epithelioid blue nevus\*  
Breast ductal adenoma\*  
Osteochondromyxoma\*

### **SUPPLEMENTAL CRITERIA**

Affected first-degree relative  
Inactivating mutation of the PRKAR1A gene

### **FINDINGS SUGGESTIVE OF OR POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CNC, BUT NOT DIAGNOSTIC FOR THE DISEASE**

Intense freckling (without darkly pigmented spots or typical distribution)  
Blue nevus, common type (if multiple)  
Café-au-laits spots or other "birthmarks"  
Elevated IGF-1 levels, abnormal OGTT, or paradoxical GH response to TRH testing in the absence of clinical acromegaly  
Cardiomyopathy  
Pilonidal sinus  
History of Cushing's syndrome, acromegaly, or sudden death in extended family  
Multiple skin tags or other skin lesions; lipomas  
Colonic polyps (usually in association with acromegaly)  
Hyperprolactinemia (usually mild and almost always combined with clinical or subclinical acromegaly)  
Single, benign thyroid nodule in a young patient; multiple thyroid nodules in an older patient (detected on ultrasound)  
Family history of carcinoma, in particular of the thyroid, colon, pancreas, and ovary; other multiple benign or malignant tumors

CNC: Carney complex; PPNAD: primary pigmented nodular adrenocortical disease; LCCSCT: large-cell calcifying Sertoli cell tumor; PRKAR1A: protein kinase A regulatory subunit 1 $\alpha$ .

\*After histological confirmation.

From Almeida MQ, Stratakis CA, 2010.



## **Carney Complex e PPNAD/MAD**

- **Displasia del surrene presente in tutti i pazienti**
- **S.Cushing conclamata in 25-45% dei casi**
- **S. Cushing atipica, periodica, subclinica nelle forme non conclamate**
- **PPNAD o MAD e S. Cushing come unica espressione di CNC**



**eterogeneità clinica e patologica**





## **A Large Family with Carney Complex Caused by the S147G PRKAR1A Mutation Shows a Unique Spectrum of Disease Including Adrenocortical Cancer**

João Anselmo, Sandra Medeiros, Victor Carneiro, Elizabeth Greene, Isaac Levy, Maria Nesterova, Charalampos Lyssikatos, Anelia Horvath, J. Aidan Carney, and Constantine A. Stratakis

### **Carney Complex with Adrenal Cortical Carcinoma**

Emilie Morin, Ozgur Mete, Jonathan D. Wasserman, Anthony Michael Joshua, Sylvia L. Asa, and Shereen Ezzat

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# GENETICA

**PRKAR1A**

**PDE11A**

**PDE8B**

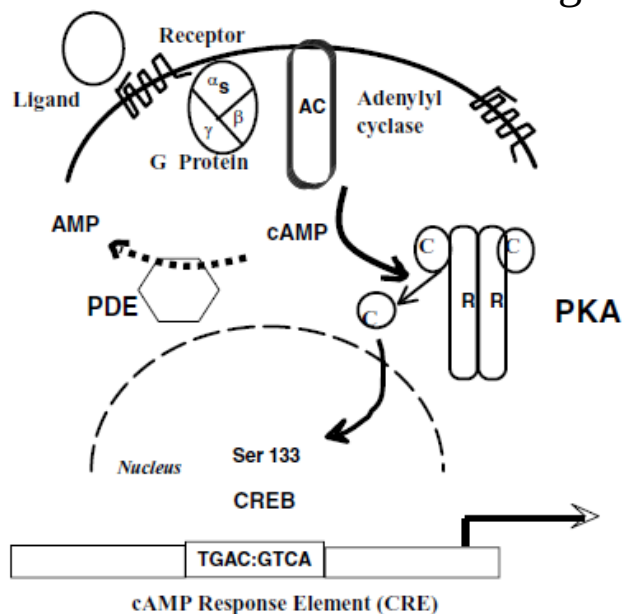
**MYH8**



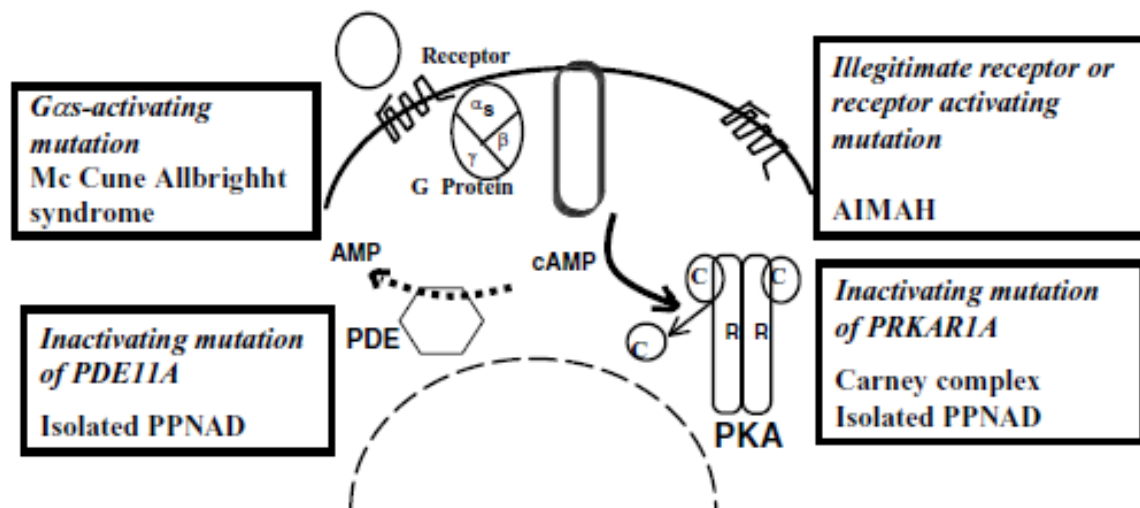


Extra-cellular domain

## The cAMP signalling pathway



## Alterations in the cAMP signalling pathway





## Iperplasia (displasia) micronodulare surrenalica ACTH indipendente – DIAGNOSI

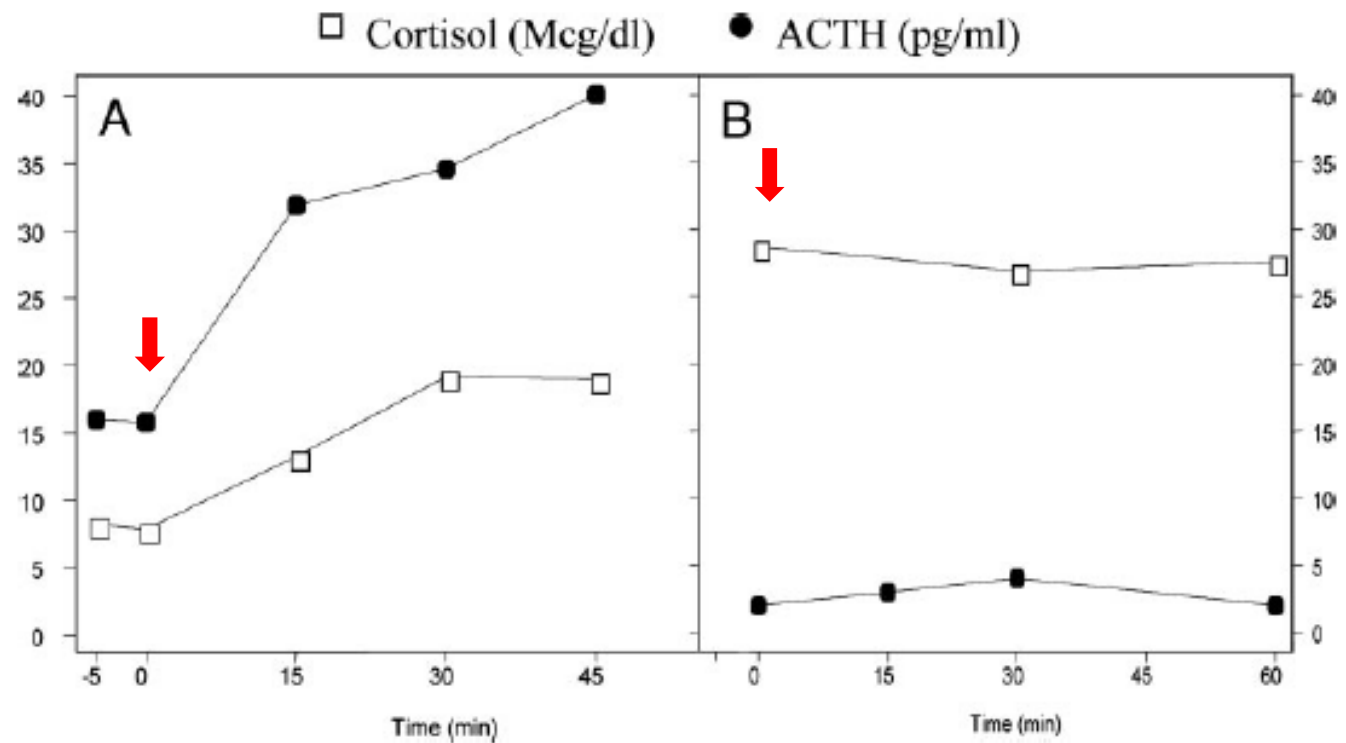
- Dimostrazione di ipercortisolismo (forme familiari)
- Dimostrazione di forma ACTH indipendente
- Imaging
- Test di soppressione con Desametasone



# Cyclical Cushing Syndrome Presenting in Infancy: An Early Form of Primary Pigmented Nodular Adrenocortical Disease, or a New Entity?

In remissione di malattia

In fase attiva di malattia

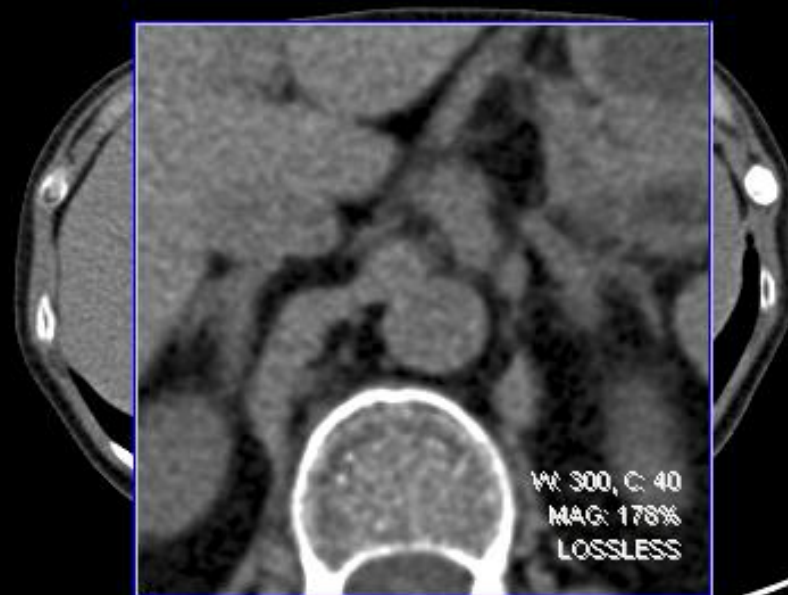


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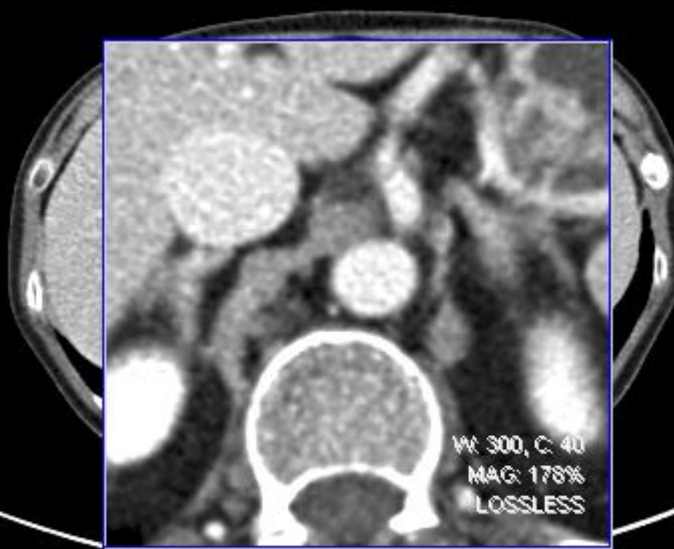
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**G Z, 18 aa**



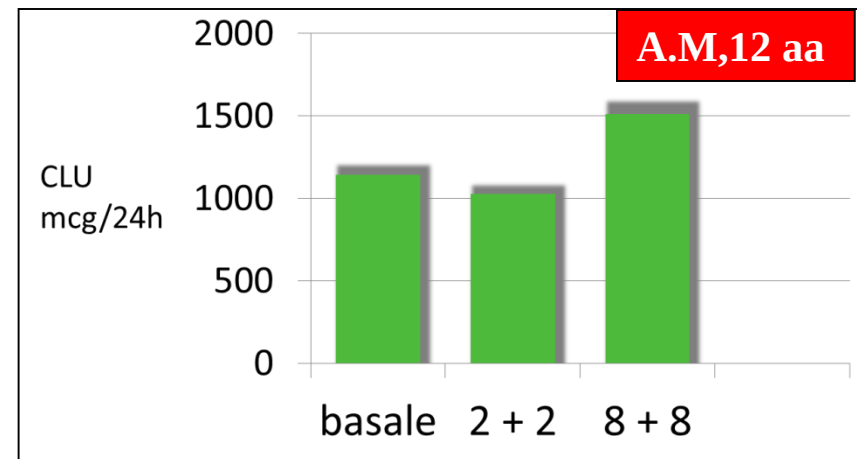
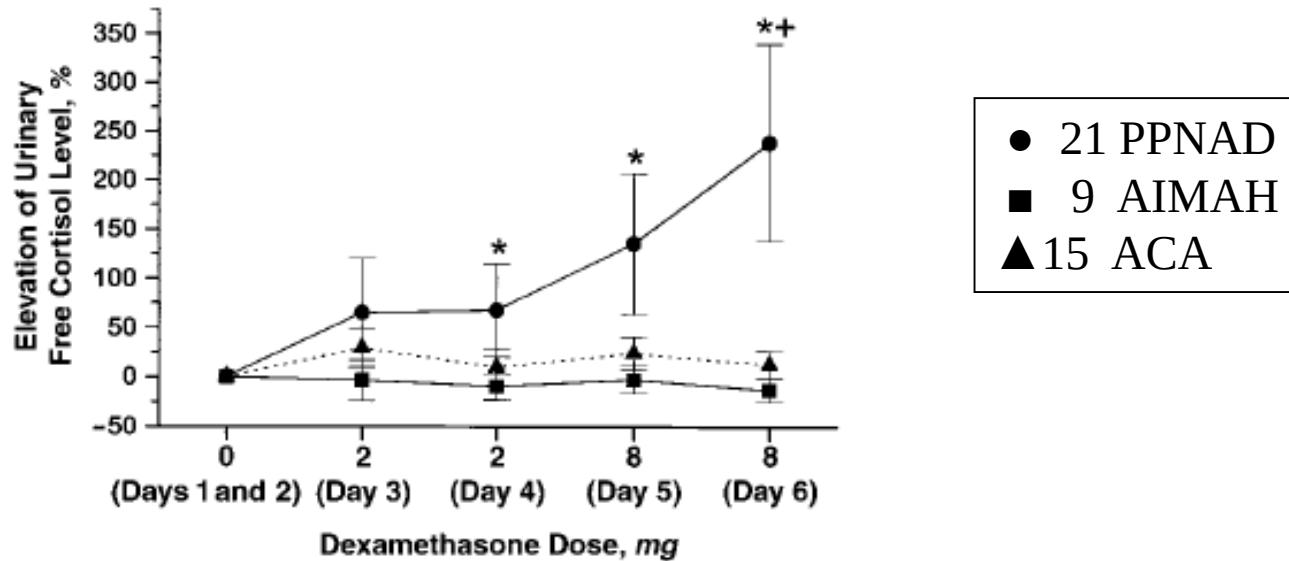
## **Rilievi radiologici indicativi di PPNAD**

CT ad alta risoluzione con strato sottile 3 mm pre e post contrasto

- Irregolarità del contorno delle ghiandole (anche se tenue)
- Presenza di uno o più spot ipodensi entro le ghiandole (pre- and post-contrasto)



# Paradoxical Response to Dexamethasone in the Diagnosis of Primary Pigmented Nodular Adrenocortical Disease





ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Endocrine Care

## **The Paradoxical Increase in Cortisol Secretion Induced by Dexamethasone in Primary Pigmented Nodular Adrenocortical Disease Involves a Glucocorticoid Receptor-Mediated Effect of Dexamethasone on Protein Kinase A Catalytic Subunits**

Estelle Louiset, Constantine A. Stratakis, Véronique Perraudin, Kurt J. Griffin, Rossella Libé, Sylvie Cabrol, Bruno Fève, Jacques Young, Lionel Groussin, Jérôme Bertherat, and Hervé Lefebvre\*





# TERAPIA

- **Chirurgica**
- **Medica?**



## **Surrenectomia bilaterale**

- **malattia surrenalica**
- **non rischio di recidiva**
- **ipofisi intrinsecamente normale**
- **non rischio di s. Nelson**

## **Surrenectomia monolaterale**

- **non necessità di terapia sostitutiva**



# Operative management of Cushing Syndrome secondary to micronodular adrenal hyperplasia

**1969-2006**

**34 pazienti MAD/PPNAD**

(44% adulti, 56% bambini)

FU medio 6,7 aa (range 1-27)

**32 surrenectomie bilaterali,**  
41% laparoscopiche (cura 98%)

**2 surrenectomie monolaterali**  
(persistenza di malattia, meno severa)

## The Role of Unilateral Adrenalectomy in Corticotropin-Independent Bilateral Adrenocortical Hyperplasias

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Xiaojing Wang · Yuxuan Wu · Qi Zhu · Zhoujun Shen · Guang Ning ·  
Yu Zhu

**2000-2009**

**13 pazienti PPNAD  
FU medio 3,9 aa (range 1-9)**

**12 surrenectomie monolaterali  
(cura 92%, non valutabile)**

**1 surrenectomia bilaterale**

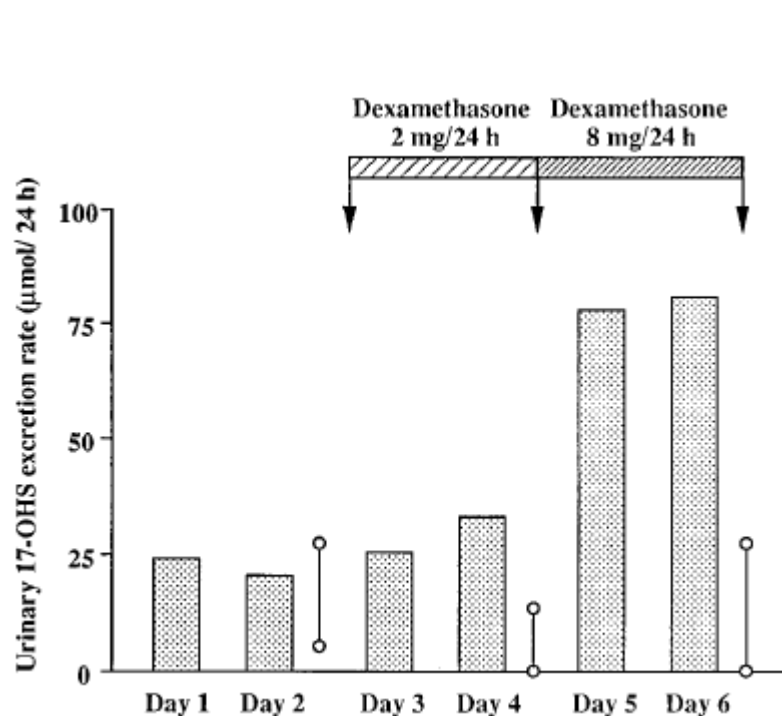


**Surrenectomia monolaterale:**

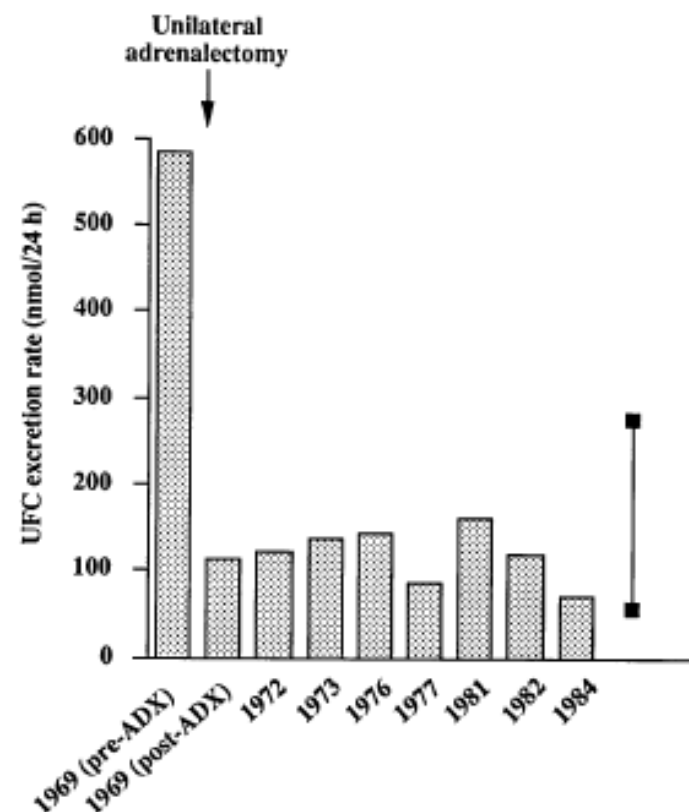
**in caso di coinvolgimento  
asimmetrico dei surreni?**



# Primary Pigmented Nodular Adrenocortical Disease: Reevaluation of a Patient with Carney Complex 27 Years after Unilateral Adrenalectomy

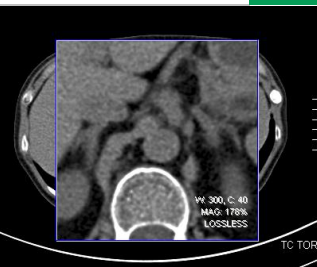


Test dexamethasone pre surrenectomia

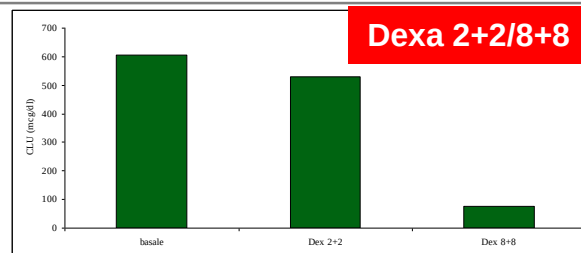
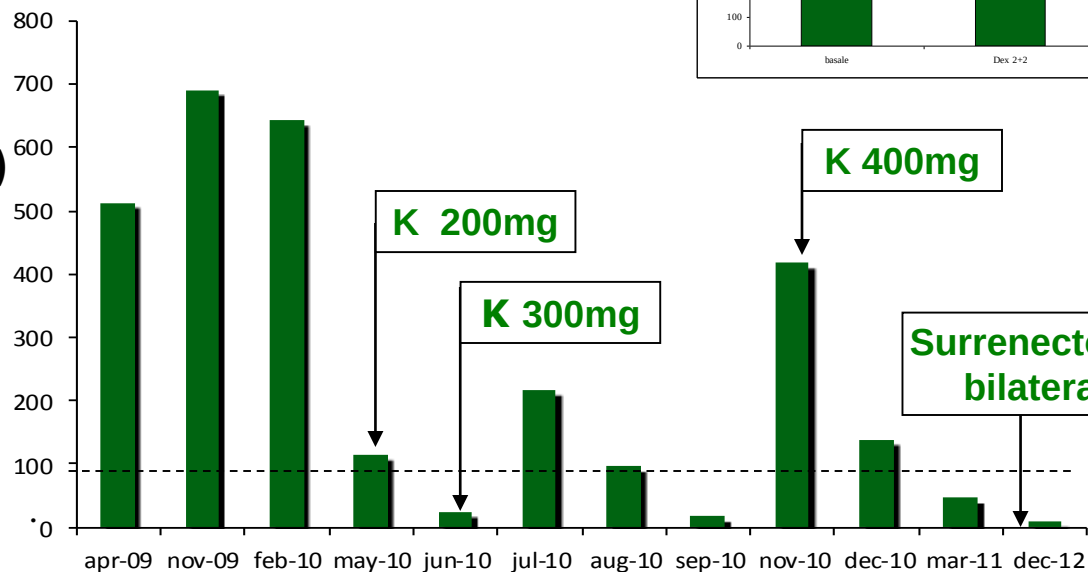




# TERAPIA MEDICA



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(mcg/24 h)

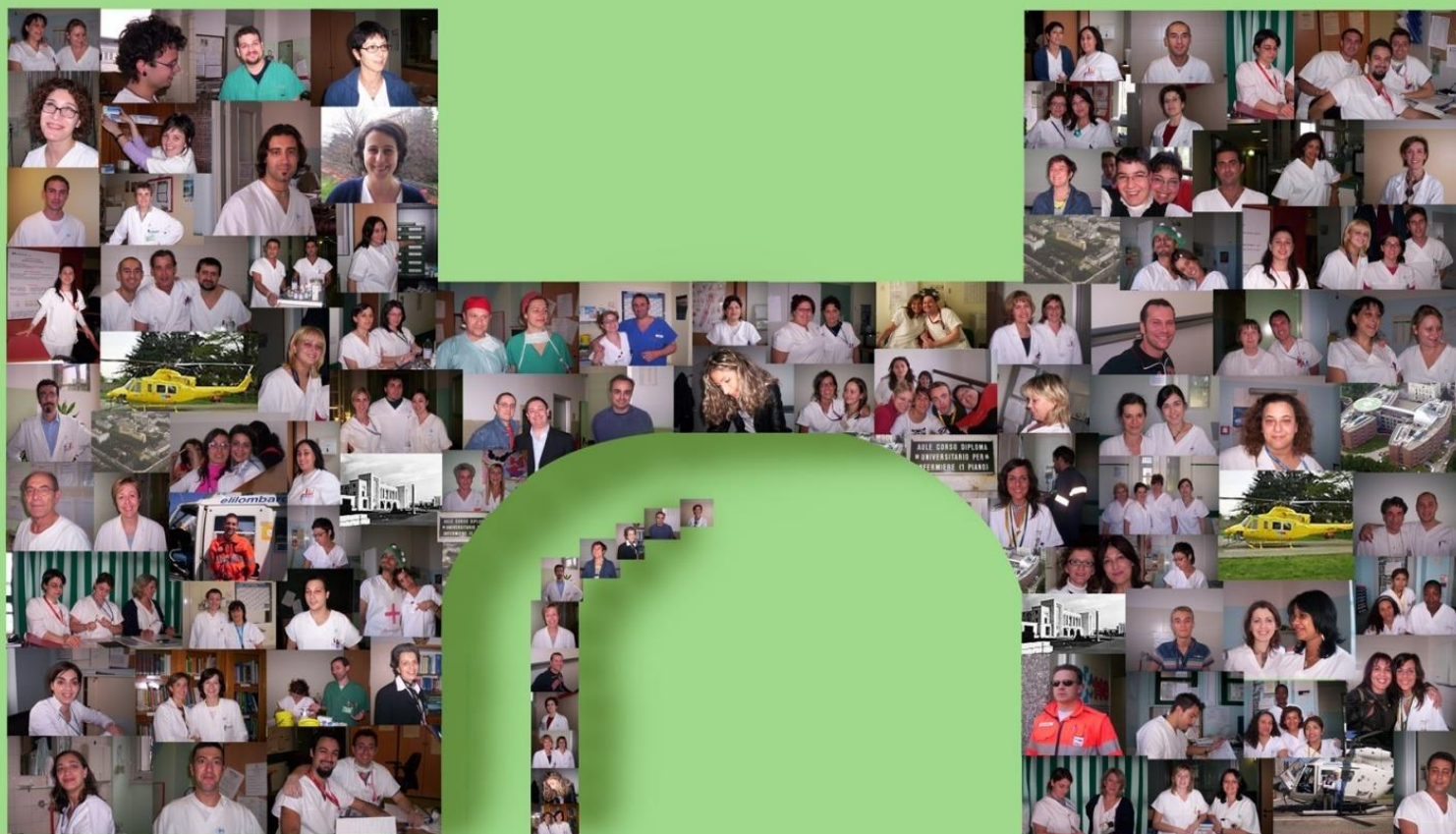


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