

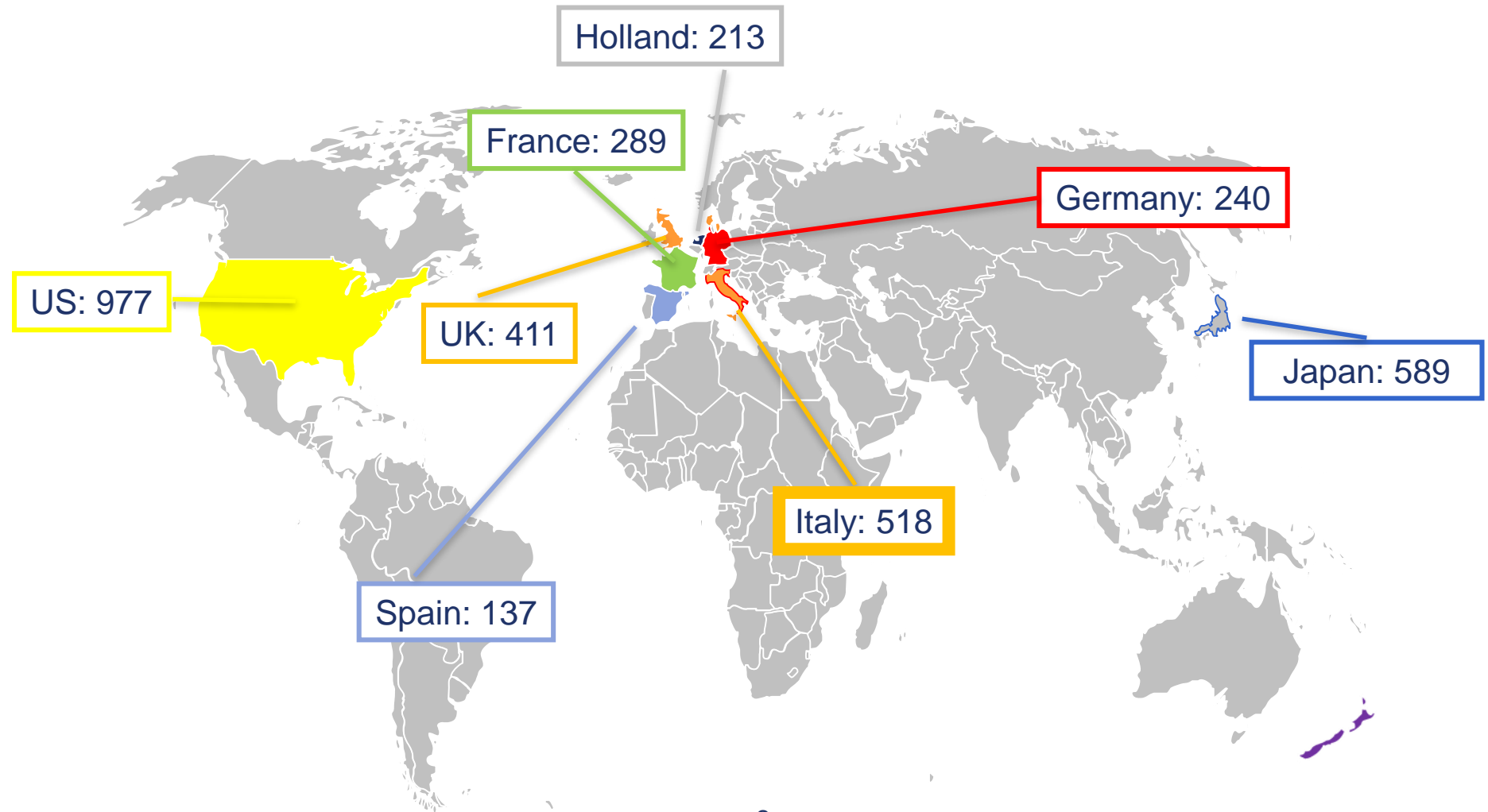
DISCRIMINATORY VALUE OF CLINICAL FEATURES IN CUSHING'S SYNDROME: WHAT HAS CHANGED?

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Cushing's syndrome: Where is the science going on?

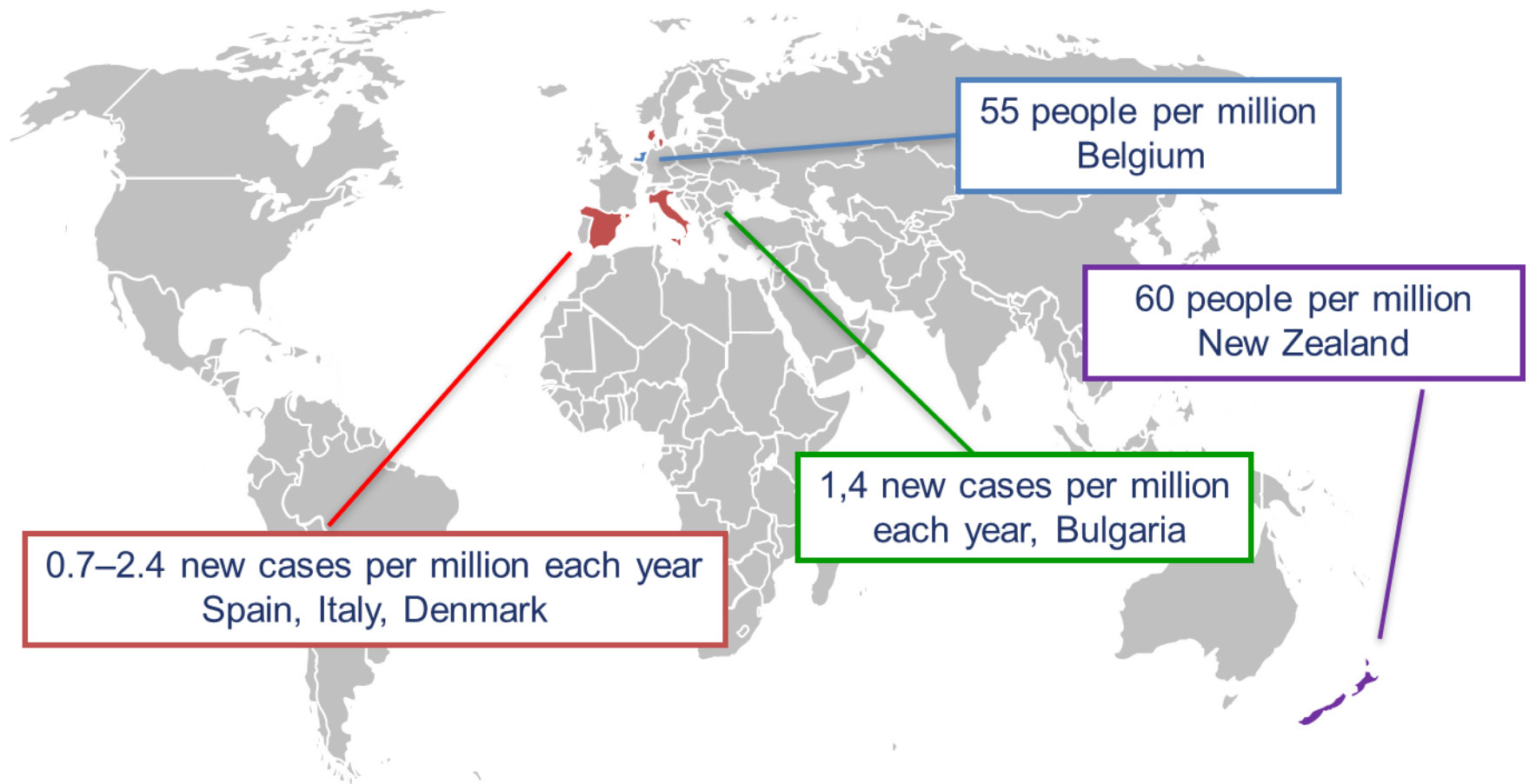
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Cushing disease: a Rare Condition



Cushing syndrome in Diabetes and Obesity

Author	Disease	N	N (%) Screening	N (%) confirmation
Leibowitz et al. 1996	DM, HbA1c>9; Obesity	90	4 (4,4%)	3 (3,3%)
Catargi et al. 2003	DM, HbAa1c>8; Obesity	200	52 (26%)	4 (2%)
Caetano et al. 2007	DM2, overweight	103	8 (7,8%)	0 (0%)
Reimondo et al. 2007	New DM2	100	5 (5%)	1 (1%)
Newton et al. 2008	DM2	171	32 (18,7%)	1 (0,6%)
Mullan et al. 2010	DM2, HBA1c >7, BMI>25	201	47 (23%)	0 (0%)
Baid et al. 2009	Overweight, obesity	369	n.a.	0 (0%)
Fierabracci et al. 2010	Morbid obesity	783	n.a.	6 (0,8%)
	Total	2017	148 (17,1%)	15 (0,7%)

Cushing's syndrome: S&S in textbooks

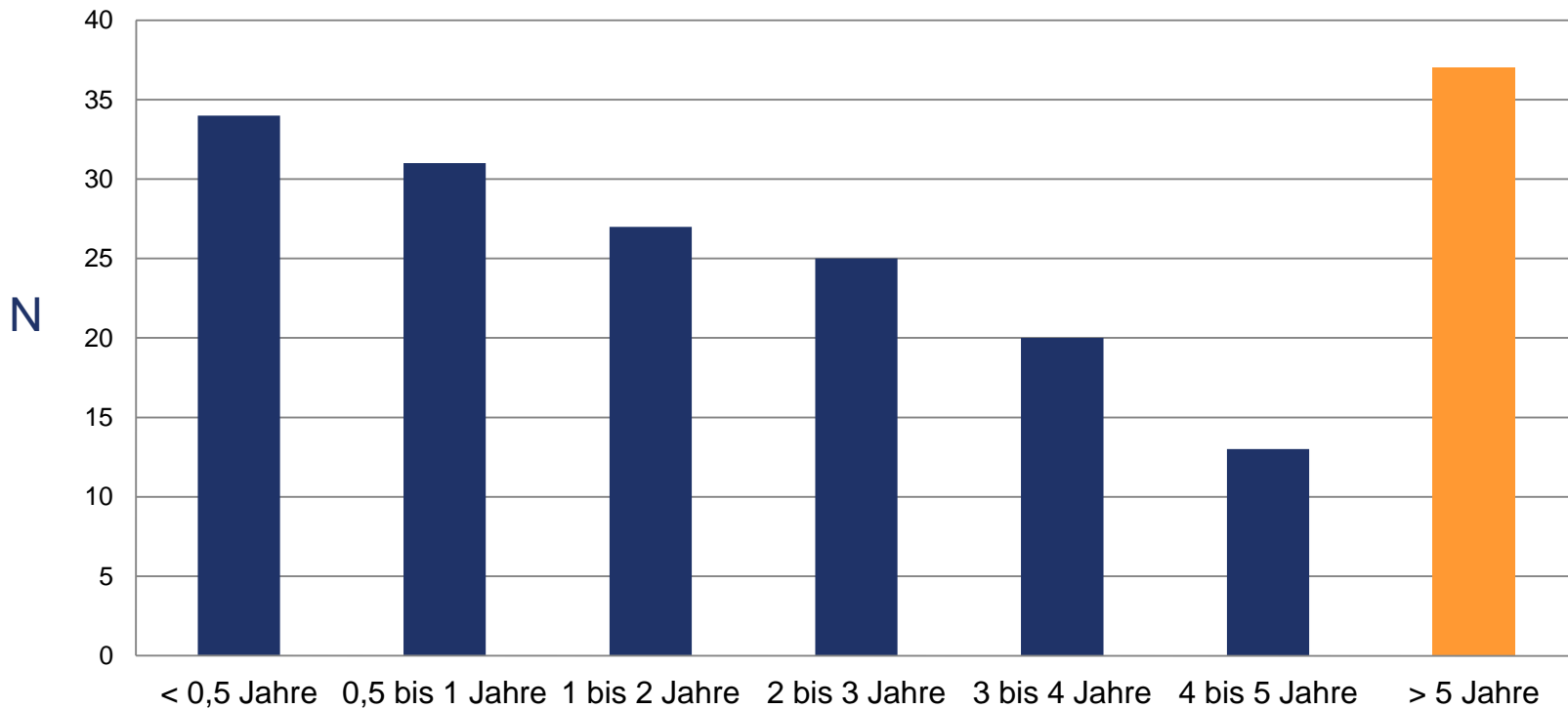
Metabolic syndrome

Unspecific/low discriminatory value	Prevalence (%)
Obesity	40–80
Diabetes mellitus	25–50
Hirsutism	30–50
Hypertension	50
Osteoporotic fracture	40–50
Specific/high discriminatory value	
Skin changes (atrophy, rubeosis, plethora, ecchymosis, wide violaceous striae, acne, skin infections)	100
Truncal obesity	80–100
Moon face	50–95
Myopathy	30–90
Oligomenorrhea/impotence	30–85
Mental disturbances	50–80



3 years prior 6 month prior 1 month prior surgery

Time from first symptoms to diagnosis: the LMU experience



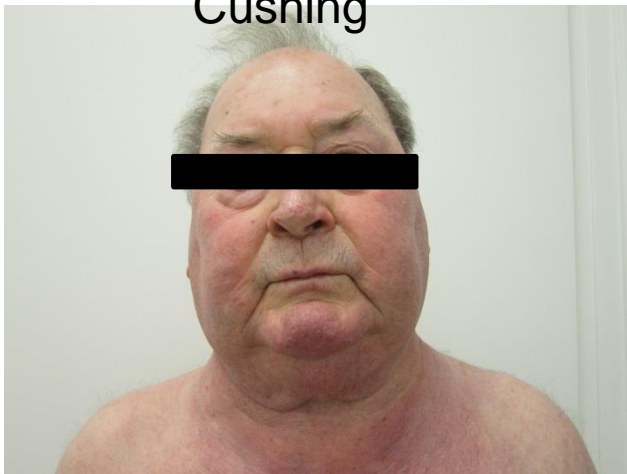
The median time elapsed between onset of symptoms and final diagnosis was 2.0 yrs. (range < 1 month to 15.7 yrs.). In male patients it was 1.6 yrs. (range < 1 month to 15.2 yrs.), in female 2.0 yrs. (range < 1 month to 15.2 yrs.). About 20% of patients were diagnosed after more than 5 years (CD 61%; AC 33%; EC 6%).

Discriminatory value of signs and symptoms of Cushing syndrome the past, the presence and the future

Discriminant index	own series ²	ERCUSYN ²	Ross and Linch ²
	2000 - 2012	? - 2012	1960-1982
n	73	481	
Osteopenia	na	5,6	-
Recurrent infections	3,9	-	-
Red striae	2,8		2,5
Amenorrhea	2,7	2,3	1,6
Abdominal fat distribution	2,6	-	-
Plethora	2,5	-	3,0
Muscle weakness	2,4	3,7	8,0
Hirsutism	2,1	2,2	2,8
Hypertension	1,6	1,9	-
Loss of libido	1,4	1,1	-
Oedema	1,0	-	2,9
Depression	0,9	0,6	-



Cushing



Cushing



No Cushing



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Why start a Cushing Registry in 2012?

	Pheo	Primary Aldo.	Cushing
Rare Disease?	+	+	+
Sufficient screening test?	+	-	-
Subtype testing accuracy?	+	-	-
Overall diagnostic accuracy?	++	--	--
Excellent surgical outcome?	+	+	(+)
Pathophysiology elucidated?	++	++	-
Medical treatment	(+)	++	(+)

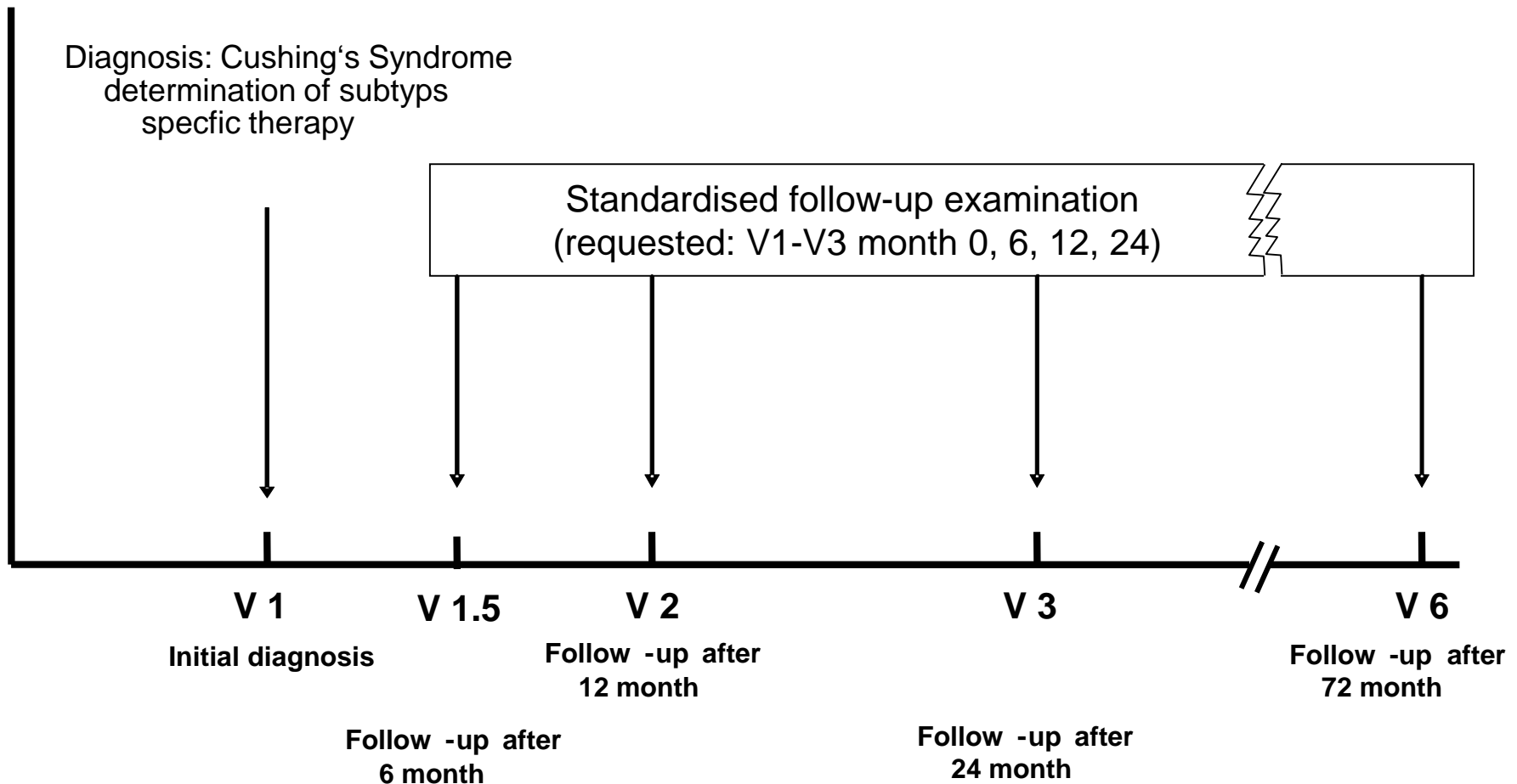
Goals of a Cushing's Registry

- To build a cohort of sufficient epidemiologic strength for studies of high evidence
- To investigate long-term morbidity and mortality
- To identify patients with high risk for adverse events
- To identify those factors that contribute to persistence of Cushing associated co-morbidities despite biochemical cure
- To define better diagnostic tests for Cushing syndrome
- To build a network for IIT in the treatment of CS

Case-control study, 1: 2 matching, significance $\alpha=0.05$

Odds ratio	Sample size					
	250	300	500	750	1000	1500
1.1	0.065	0.068	0.079	0.095	0.109	0.14
1.3	0.164	0.188	0.282	0.394	0.497	0.667
1.5	0.323	0.376	0.565	0.739	0.851	0.957
1.7	0.498	0.572	0.789	0.923	0.974	0.998
1.9	0.652	0.731	0.914	0.983	0.997	1
2.1	0.771	0.841	0.969	0.997	1	1
2.3	0.854	0.910	0.989	0.999	1	1
2.5	0.909	0.950	0.997	1	1	1
2.7	0.944	0.973	0.999	1	1	1

Power Calculation



Retrospective
data entry
(Cohort 1: **>400**)

Clinical, biochemical, metabolic and
cardiovascular characterization of retrospective
patients invited to (annual) follow up (Cohort 2: **140**)

Prospective recruitment of newly diagnosed
patients with CS (Cohort 3: **65**)

Intervention trials

2012

2014

2016

2018

Participating centers:

- Ziemssenstraße, MK IV, München
- MPI f. Psychiatrie, München
- Uni Düsseldorf
- Uni Dresden
- Uni Würzburg
- Uni Tübingen
- Uni Essen
- Uni Erlangen
- Berlin (Praxis Quinkler)
- Berlin (Endokrinologikum)



End points of the cohort study:

Hypothesis-driven data base:

- cardiovascular morbidity
- metabolic comorbidity
- psychiatric comorbidity
- musculoskeletal comorbidity

Standardized follow-up examination of CS patients:

- Medical history and clinical examination
- Quality of life questionnaires
- Measurements (*blood pressure, muscle power, gripp strength, ECG, bioelectrical impedance, thyroid ultrasound, intima-media thickness, BMD*)
- 18 – laboratory findings, biomaterial deposition (plasma, tumor, saliva, urine, hair)

■ Diagnosis of CS

Schneider et al. Clin Endo 2013

Schneider et al. ECED 2013

Johar et al. JCEM 2014

■ Surgical Outcome

Dimopoulou et al. EJE 2013

Ritzel et al. JCEM 2013

Osswald et al. EJE 2014

Di Dalmazi et al. JCEM 2014

Berr et al., JCEM 2015

■ Subtype differentiation

Ritzel et al. EJE 2015

Di Dalmazi et al. 2014

■ Genetics of CS

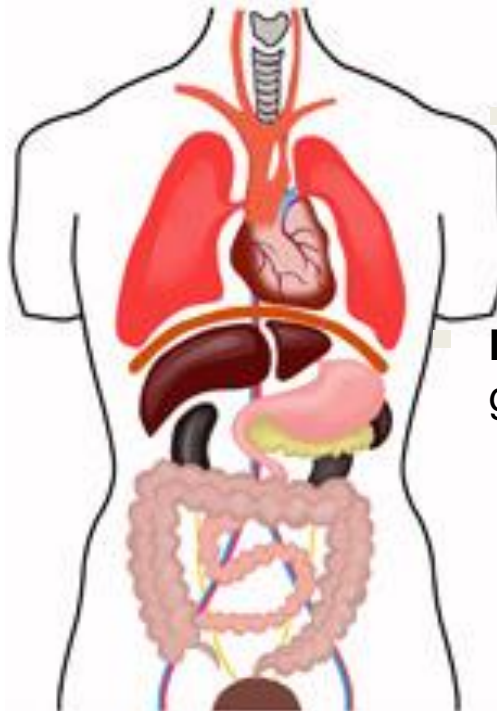
Beuschlein et al. NEJM 2014

Di Dalmazi et al. JCEM 2014

Reincke et al. Nat Gen 2015

Perez-Rivas et al., JCEM 2015

- **CNS:** Anxiety, depression, impaired quality of life



■ Cardiovascular co-morbidities:

MI, heart failure, stroke, AF

■ Metabolic co-morbidities:

glucose intolerance, lipid abnormalities,

■ Musculoskeletal co-morbidities

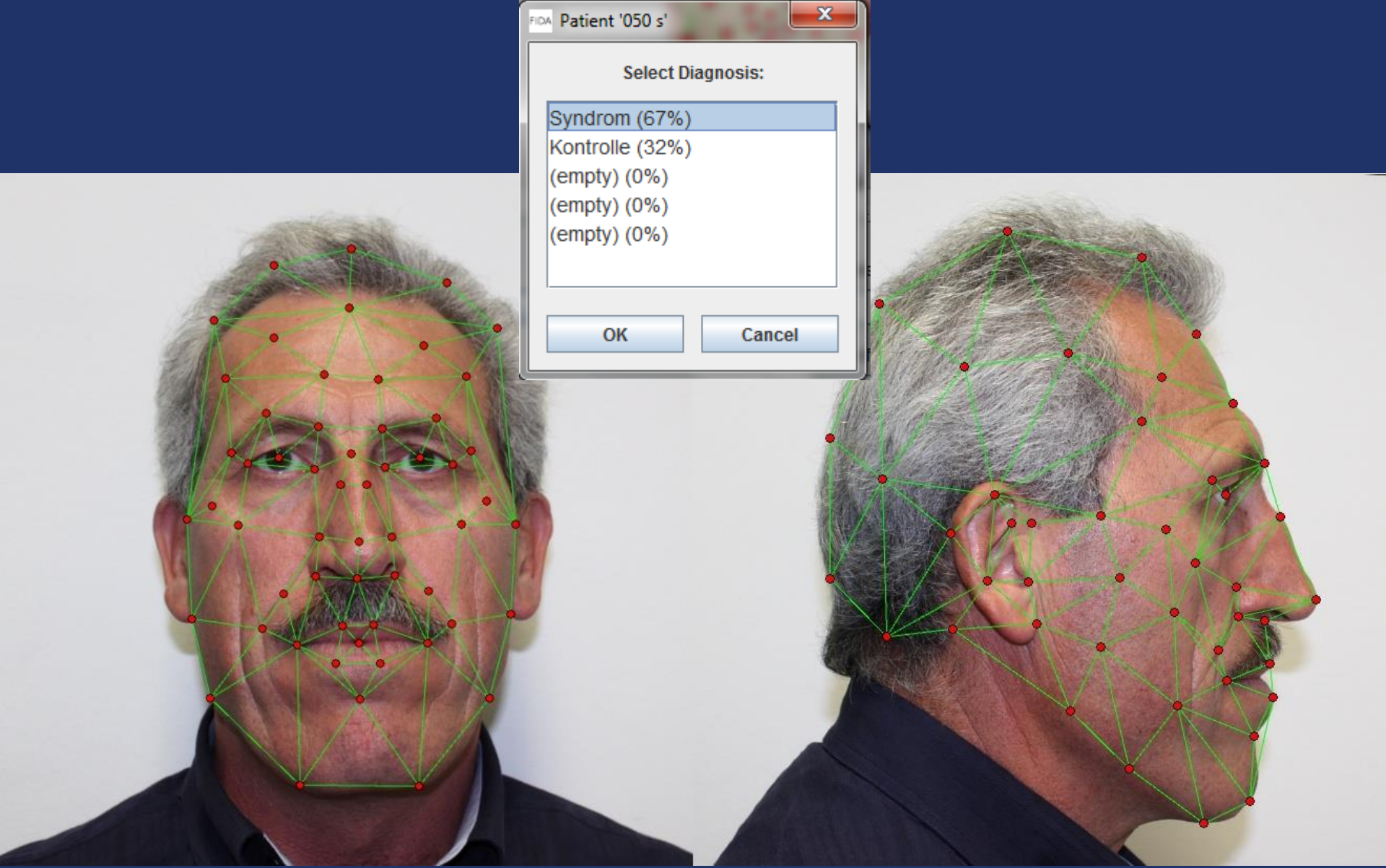
Osteoporosis, sarcopenia

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Screening with for endocrine diseases with face classification: the experience with acromegaly

- Initial study
- Subjects:
 - N=57 acromegalics, N=60 age- and sex-matched controls
 - frontal and side photographs with digital camera
 - Face classification based on
 - Texture (Gabor wavelets)
 - Geometry of landmarks
- Calculation of correct classification rate using the leave-on-out method

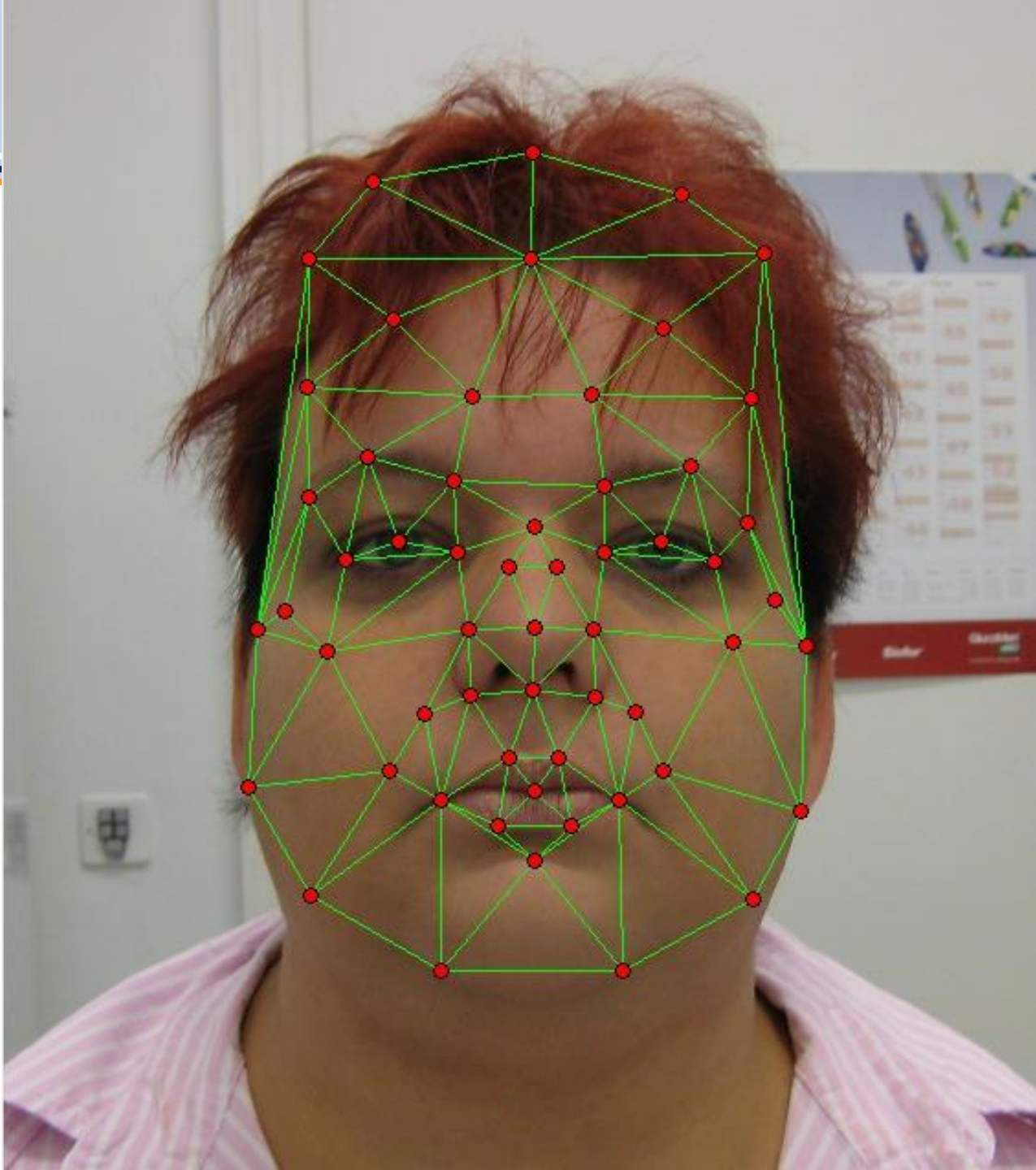


Results

<i>correct classification rates (%)</i>	<i>Software¹</i>	<i>Experts²</i>	<i>Internists³</i>
Overall	81.9	72.1	64.9
Acromegaly	71.9	63.2	42.1
Controls	91.5	80.8	87.0

Proof-of-principle study in women with Cushing's syndrome

- Subjects:
 - N=20 women with Cushing's syndrome
 - N=40 age- and sex-matched controls
- frontal and side photographs with digital camera
- Face classification based on
 - Texture (Gabor wavelets)
 - Geometry of landmarks
- Calculation of correct classification rate using the leave-one-out method



Results

Classification Accuracy (%)	<i>n</i>	FIDA^a
Overall	60	91.7
Patients / Sensitivity	20	85.0
Endogenous CS	12	75.0
- <i>Central CS</i>	8	62.5
- <i>Adrenal CS</i>	4	100
Iatrogenic CS	8	100
Controls / Specificity	40	95.0

Ongoing prospective study on Cushing's syndrome

Recruitment targets:

- 50 patients with Cushing's syndrome
- 100 age-, sex- and BMI-matched controls referred for exclusion of Cushing's syndrome
- Recording of clinical parameters, face classification and biochemical parameters

Aim:

- Determining classification rates with face classification and establishment of a Clinical Prediction Score for the presence of Cushing's syndrome

Preliminary results

- Included subjects
- 56 Patients (40 women, 16 men)
- 60 controls (30 women, 30men)

Preliminary results

	Controls Patients		Controls Patients	
	m	m	f	f
	N=30	N=16	N=30	N=40
BMI	BMI	BMI	BMI	BMI
Mean	32.9	27.7	34.2	29.9
p	0.0045		0.009	
Age (y)	Age (y)	Age (y)	Age (y)	Age (y)
Mean	43.5	53.5	43.4	55.5
p	0.060		0.0008	

1:1-matching by BMI: Preliminary results

BMI-matched		Patients	Controls
Correct classification rates (%)	Women N=54	70.4	74.0
	Men N=52	68.8	75.0


DISSAPPOINTING!

All patients		Patients	Controls
Correct classification rates (%)	Women N=70	72.5	53.3
	Men N=46	43.8	90.0

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Cushing's syndrome – development of a *Diagnostic Score*



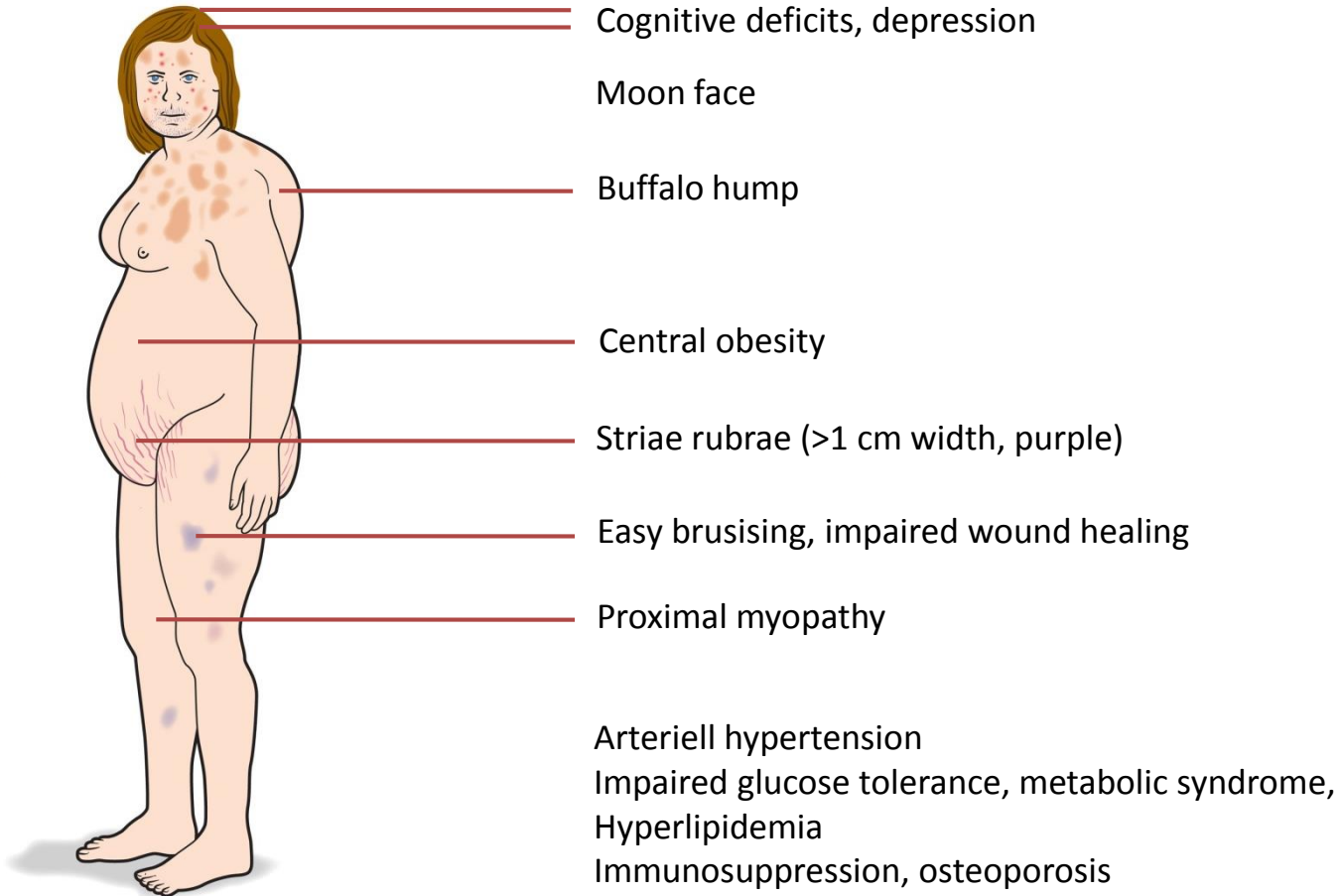
Problem: Single signs and symptoms do not have the desired discriminatory power

Question: is there the potential to develop a **simple**, diagnostic score with **good** predictive value?

Study: prospective, multicentric, standardized evaluation of all relevant parameters in a large cohort with adequate statistical power
(→ *Diagnostikstudie*)

Impaired glucose tolerance, metabolic syndrome,
Hyperlipidemia
Immunosuppression, osteoporosis

Cushing syndrome - signs and symptoms



The German Cushing Registry *Diagnostic Study*: -study outline-

- Investigation of the prevalence of signs and symptoms of Cushing's syndrome *versus* rule-out Cushing cases.

150 patients referred for evaluation of Cushing's syndrome



Standardized clinical and biochemical evaluation, histology or follow-up (3-12 months)

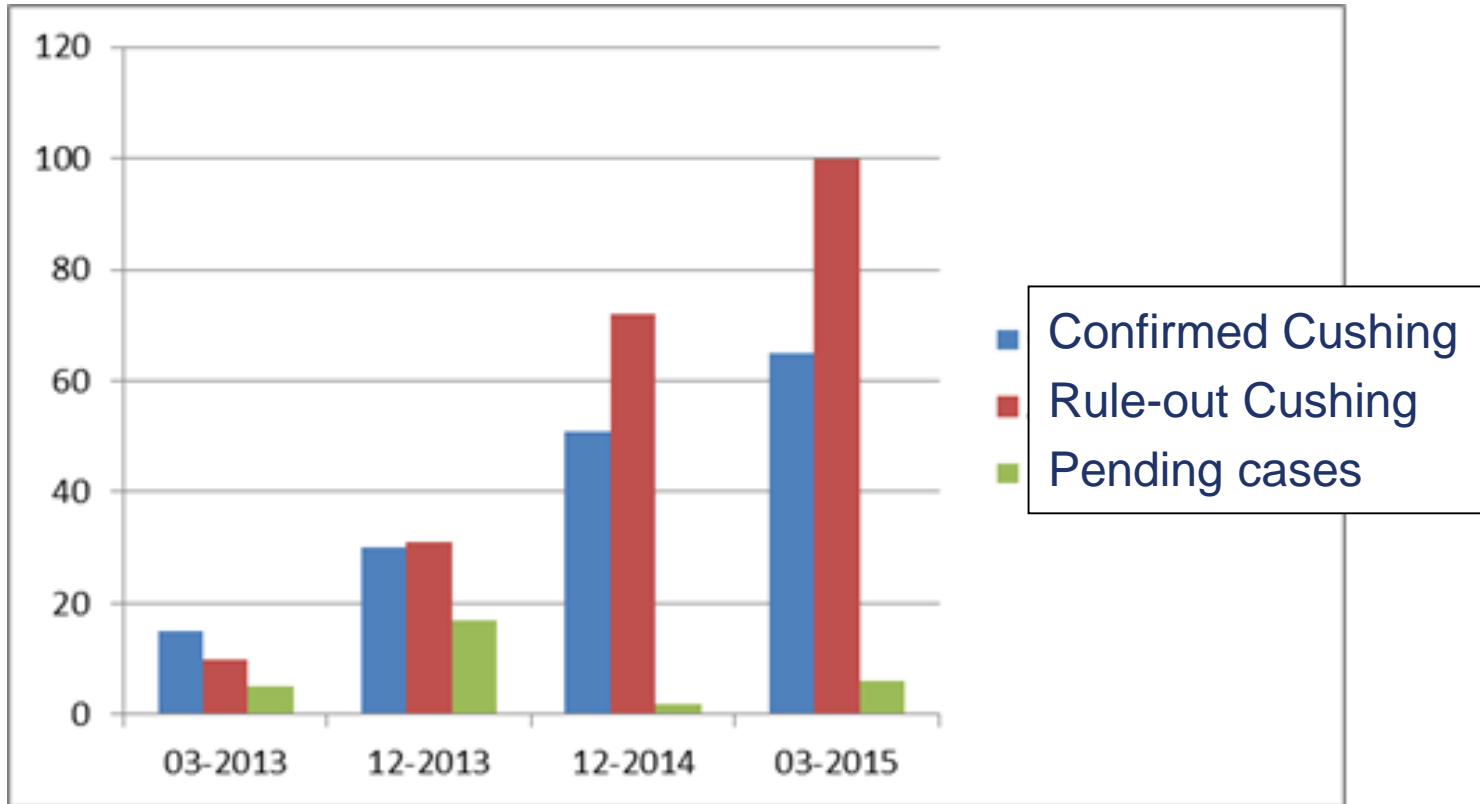


Confirmed Cushing's
syndrome
N=50

Definitive exclusion of
Cushing's syndrome
N=100



Total prospective cases in 4 German centers



Including subclinical cases, excluding cosecretory cases and unclassified cases

Cushing patients by centers and entity

Centers	Cushing's syndrome				Rule-out Cushing's syndrome
	Total (2012-2015)	Cushing's Disease	Adrenal Cushing's syndrome	Ectopic Cushing's	
München 1 (LMU)	44	31	8	5	87
München 2 (MPI)	0				2
Würzburg	2	1	1		0
Dresden	4	4			11
Düsseldorf	0				0
Tübingen	15	15			0
Total	65	51	9	5	100

Anmerkung: inkl. Subklinische Patienten, exklusive unklare Fälle, Cosekretion etc.

The German Cushing Registry Diagnostic Study: Interim Analysis

- Investigation of the prevalence of signs and symptoms of Cushing's syndrome versus rule-out Cushing cases.

109 patients referred for evaluation of Cushing's syndrome



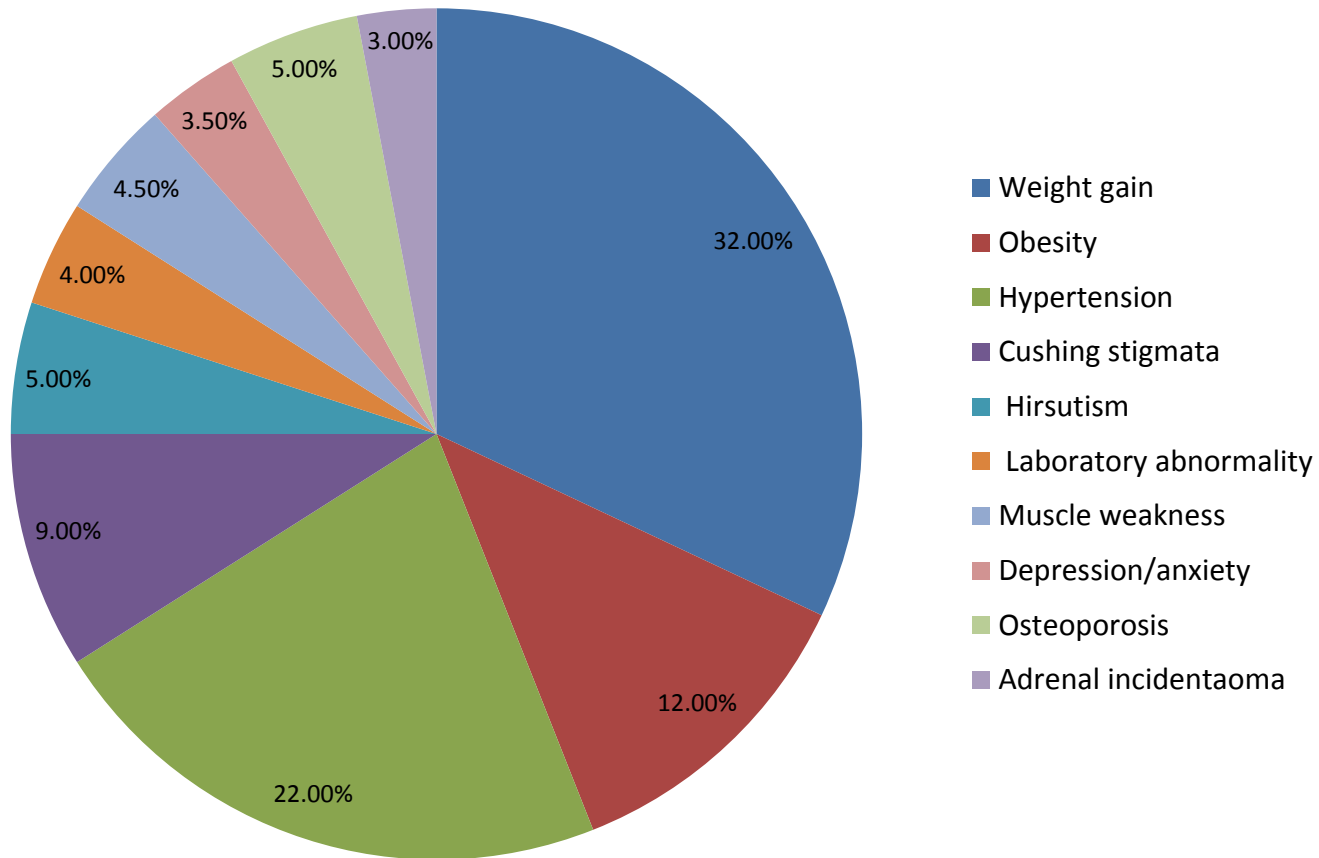
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Confirmed Cushing's
syndrome
N=34

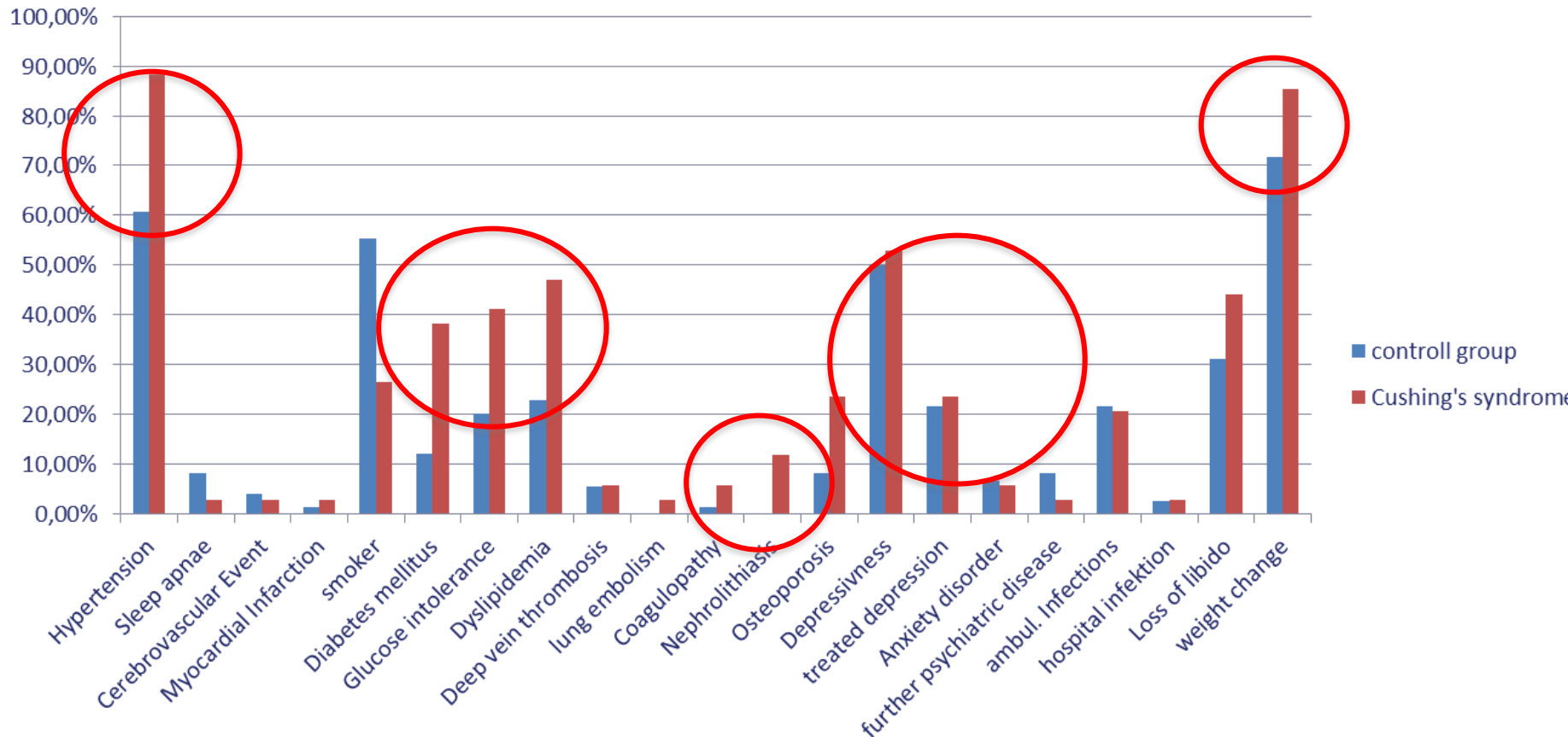
Definitive exclusion of
Cushing's syndrome
N=75

Leading Symptoms

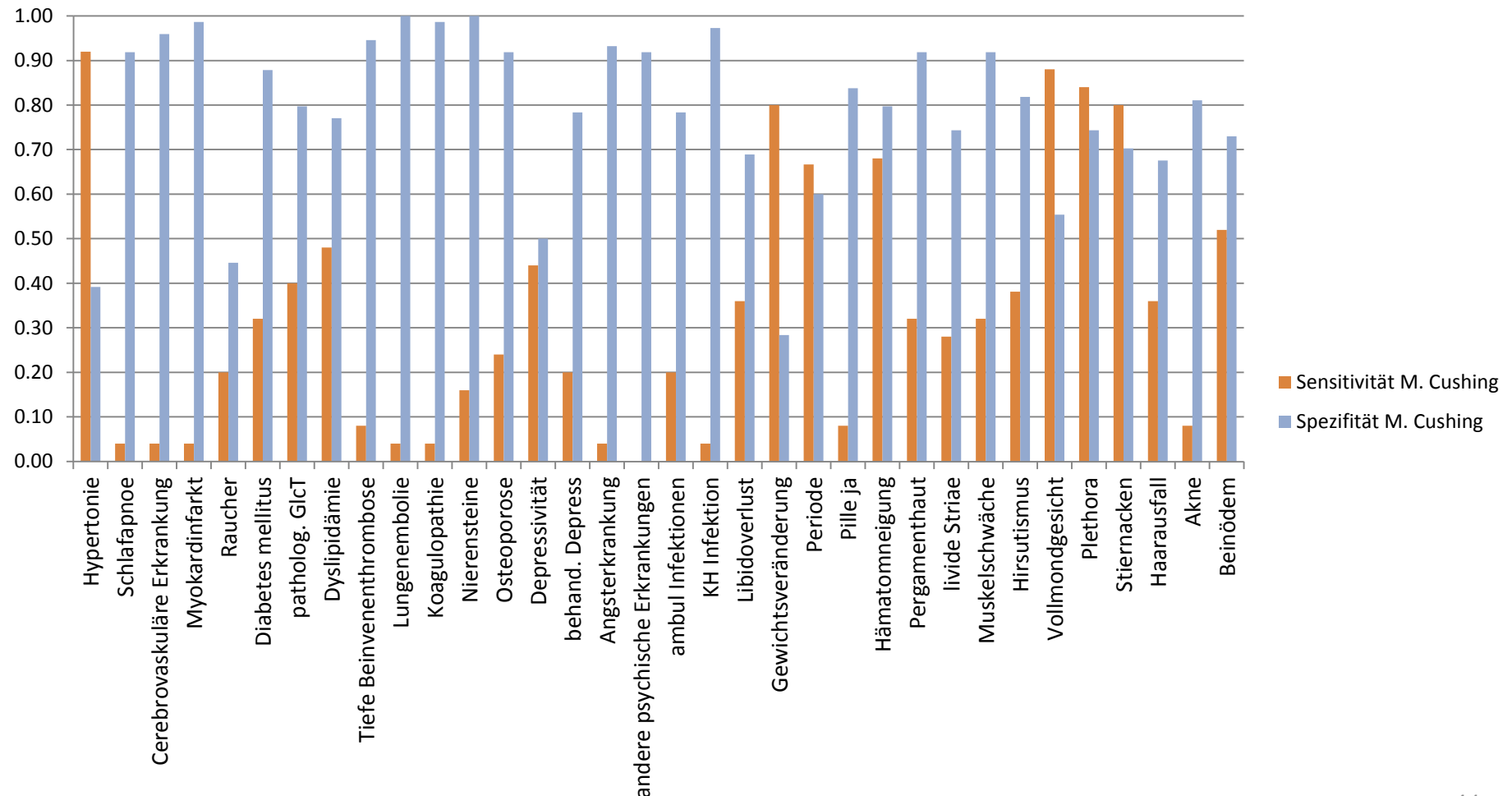


Parameter	Controll group	Cushing 's syndrome (total)	P value	Cushing 's disease	Adrenal Cushing 's syndrome
No.	75	34		28	6
sex (% female)	68 %	64 %		64 %	67 %
age (years)	43,3	45,6	0.32	44,1	46,8
BMI (kg/m ²)	32,6	30,4	0.22	30,1	29,8
Blood pressure sys	141	153	0.002*	151	152
Blood pressure dia	89	98	0.007*	96	99
Diabetes rate	12 %	38 %		32 %	50 %

Prevalence, patient's history

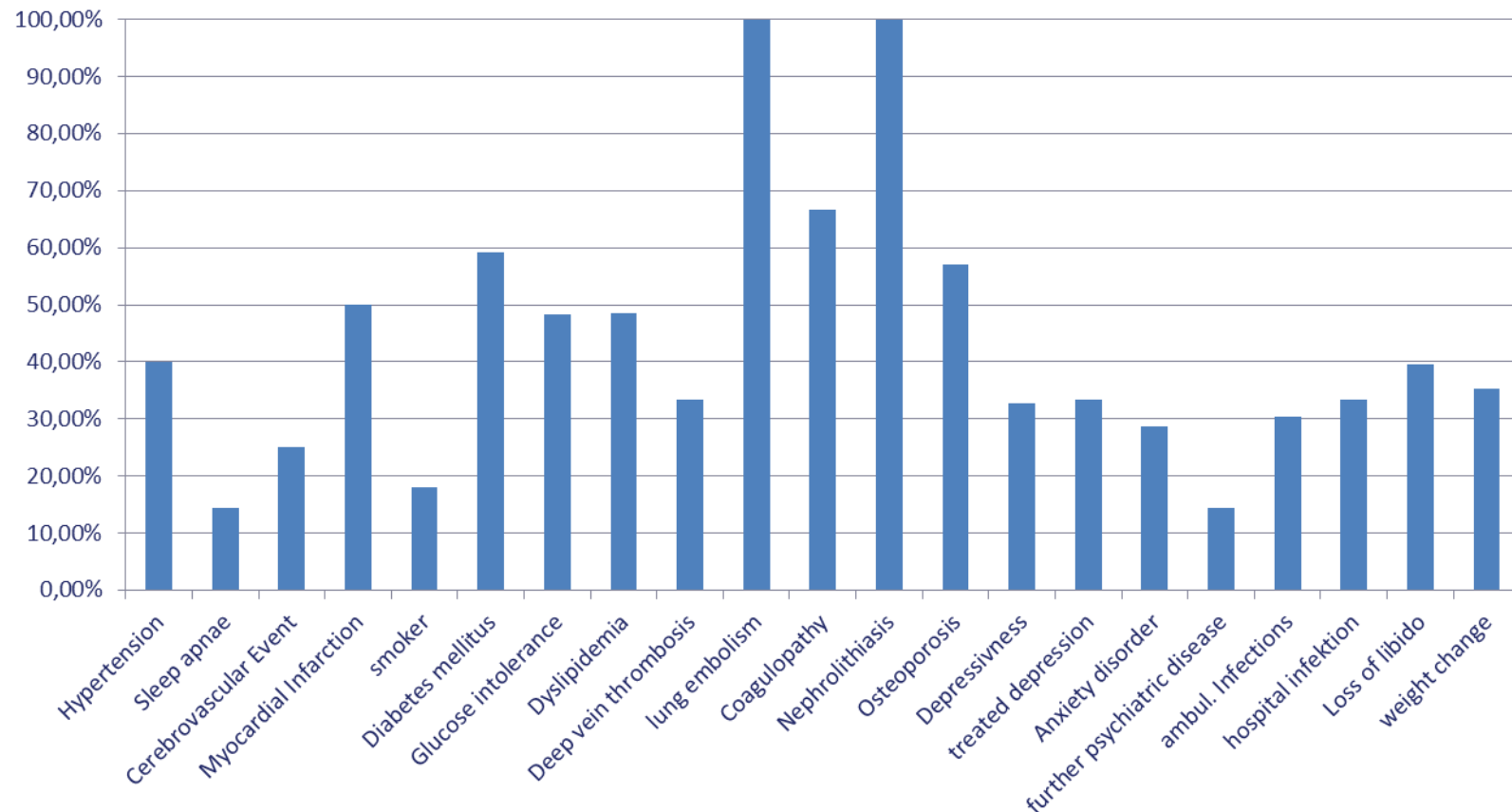


Sensitivity and specificity, patient's history

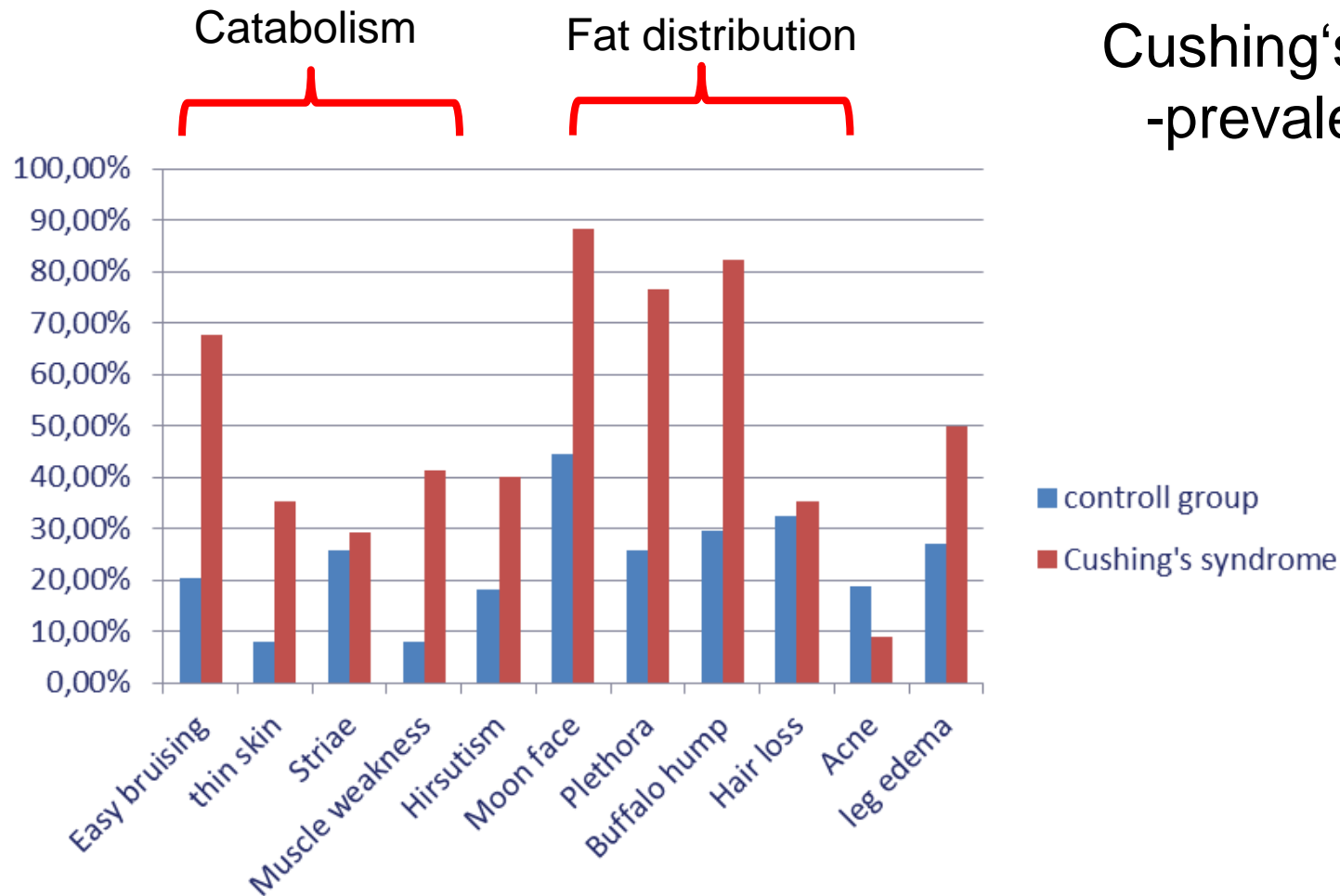


Positive predictive value, patient's history

positive predictive value



Cushing's signs -prevalence-

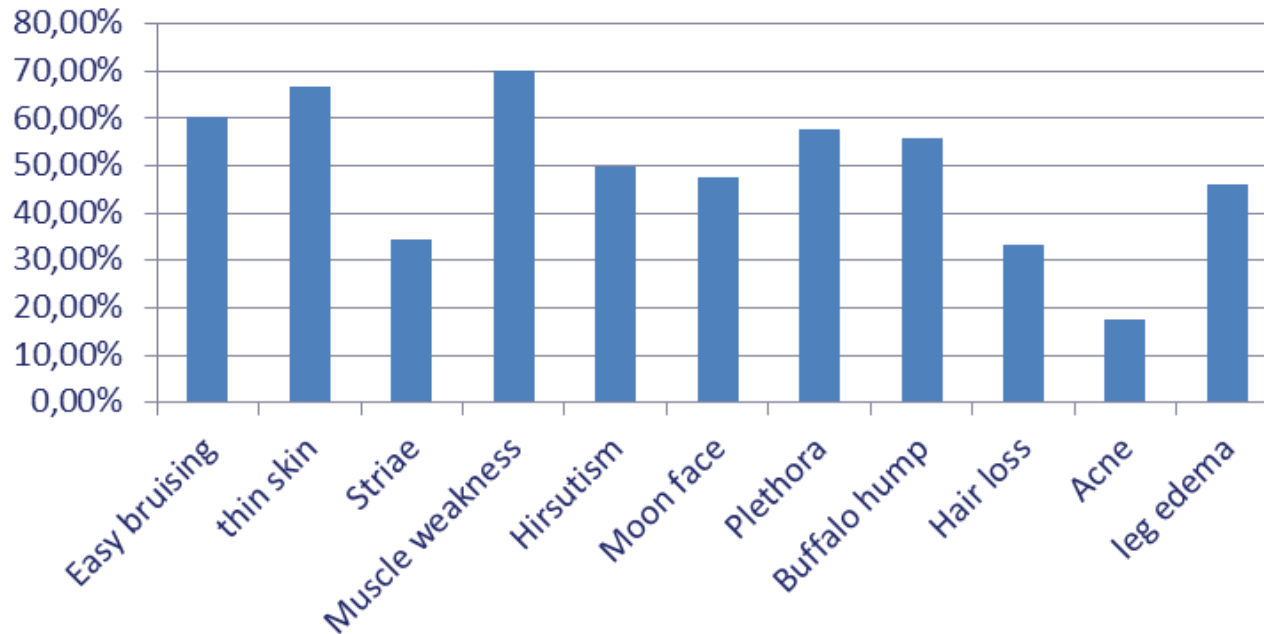


Catabolism

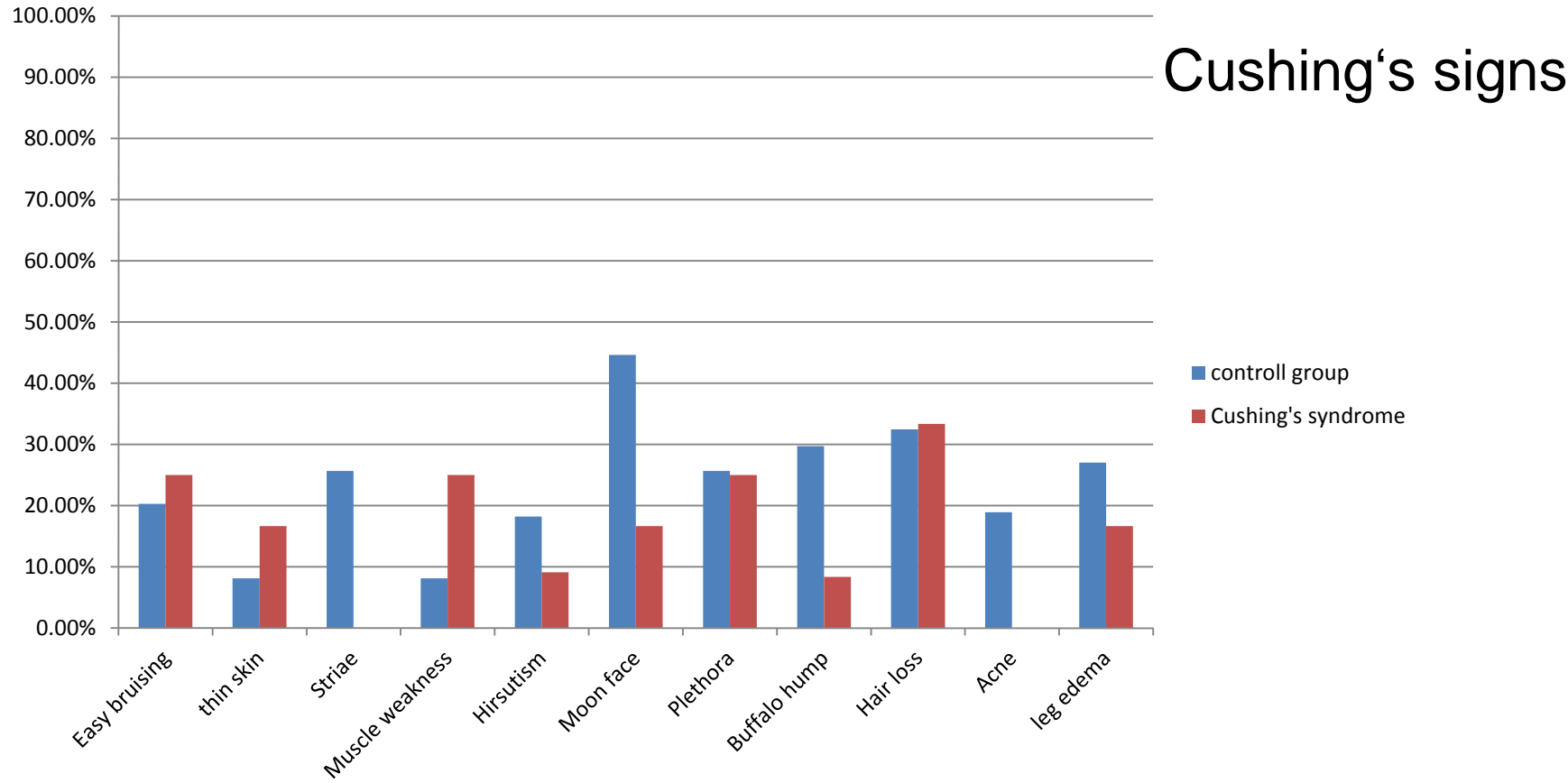
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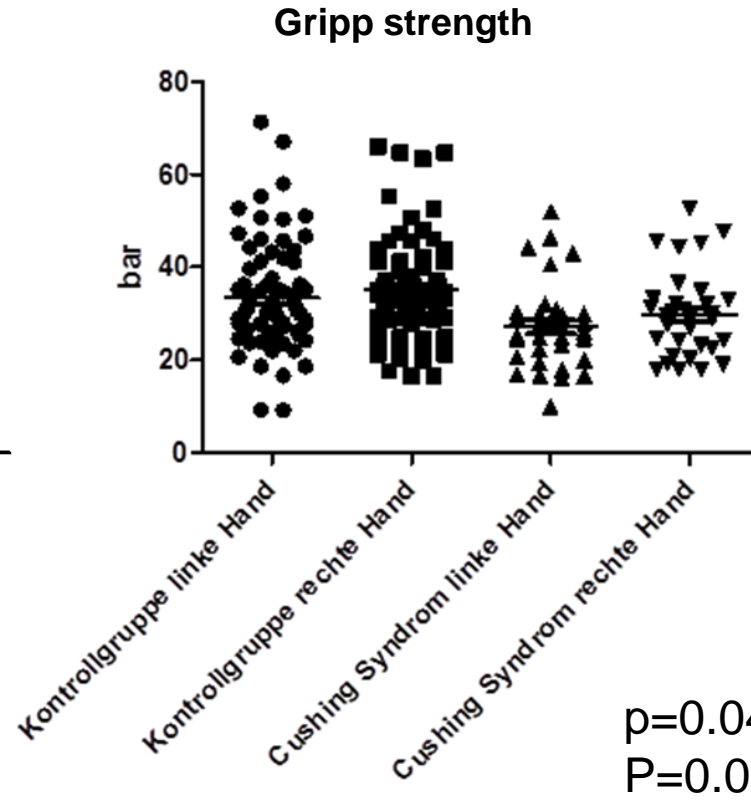
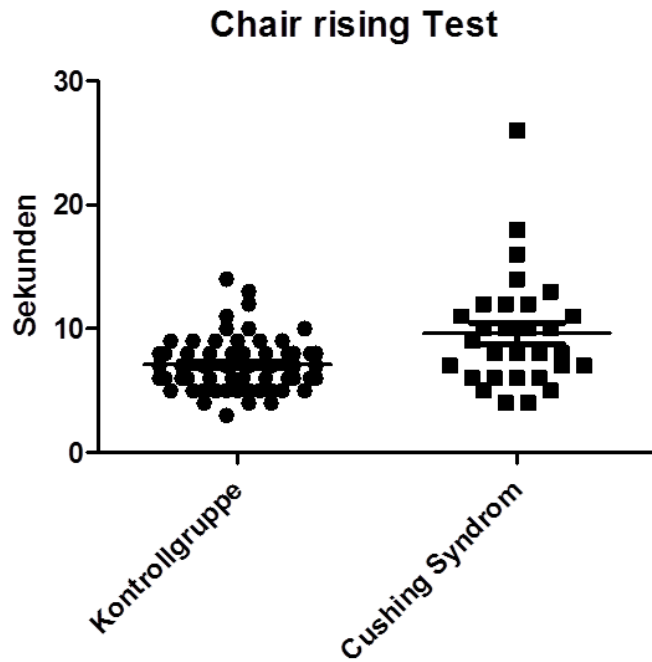
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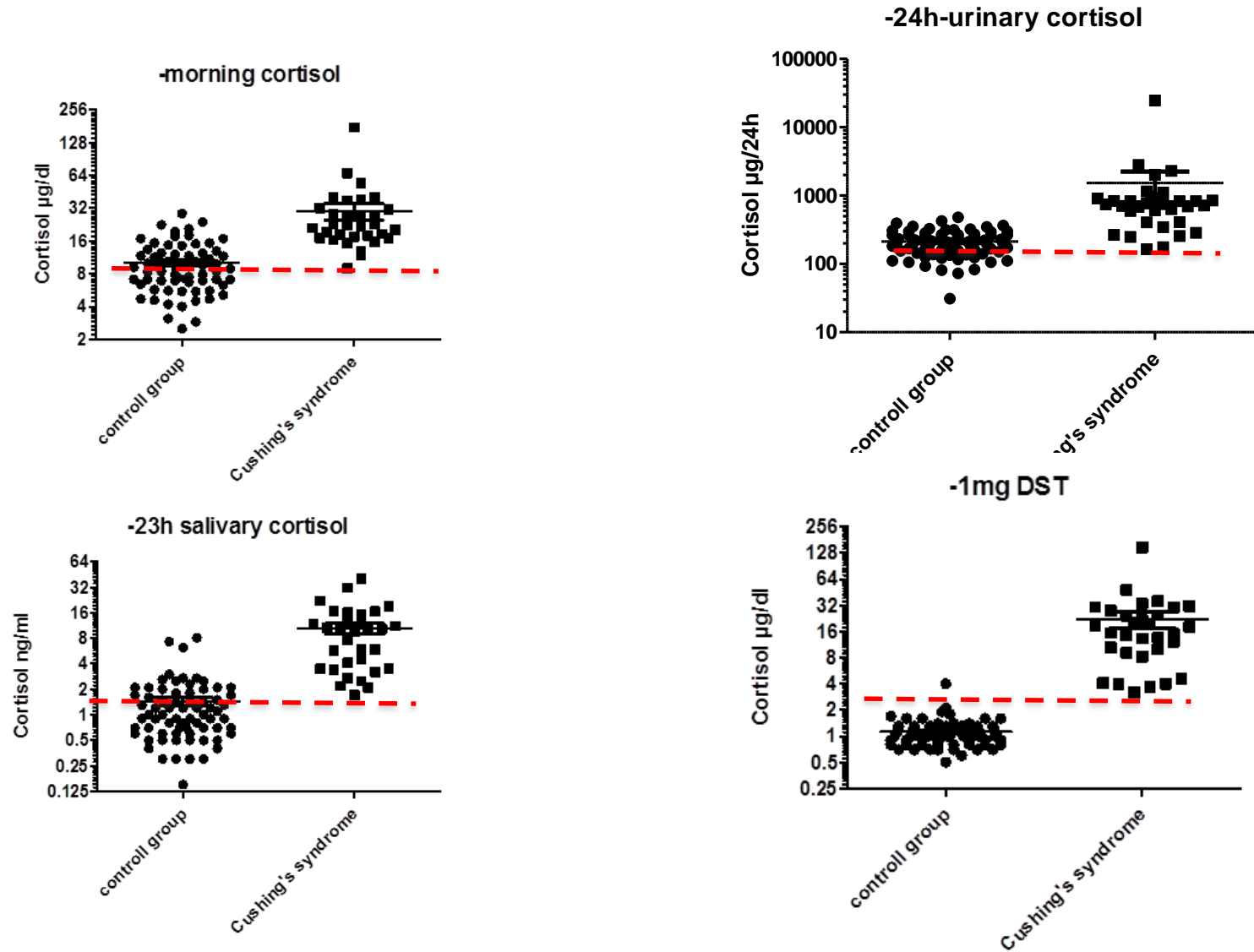
positive predictive value



Subclinical Cushing 's syndrome (n=17)







German Cushing's Registry

- Is an interesting tool to study prospectively clinical aspects of a rare disease

Discriminatory value of S&S in Cushing's

- Increasingly difficult in times of the *„obesity tsunami“*

Automatic face recognition for Cushing's syndrome

- Interim results disappointing

Diagnostic scoring system for Cushing's syndrome

- Might be feasible!



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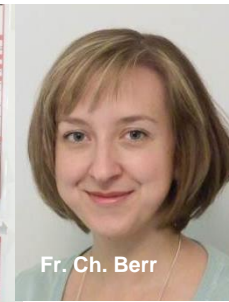
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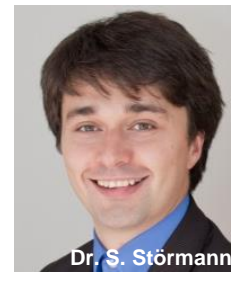
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