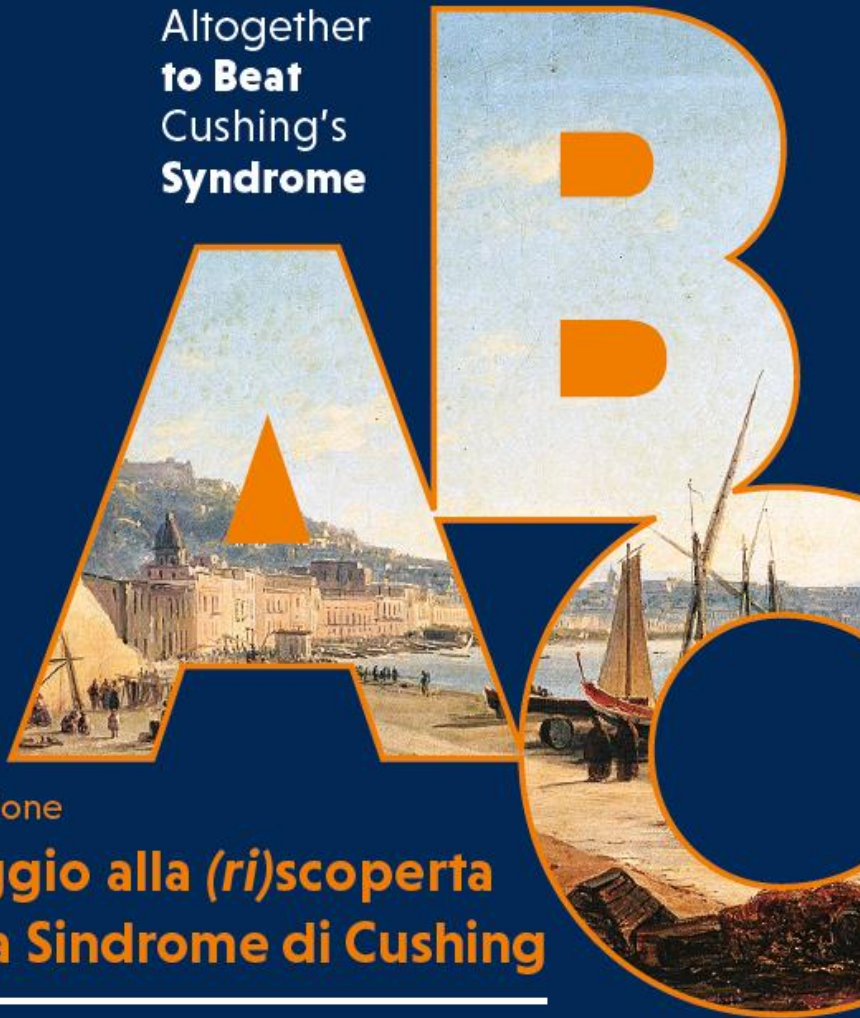




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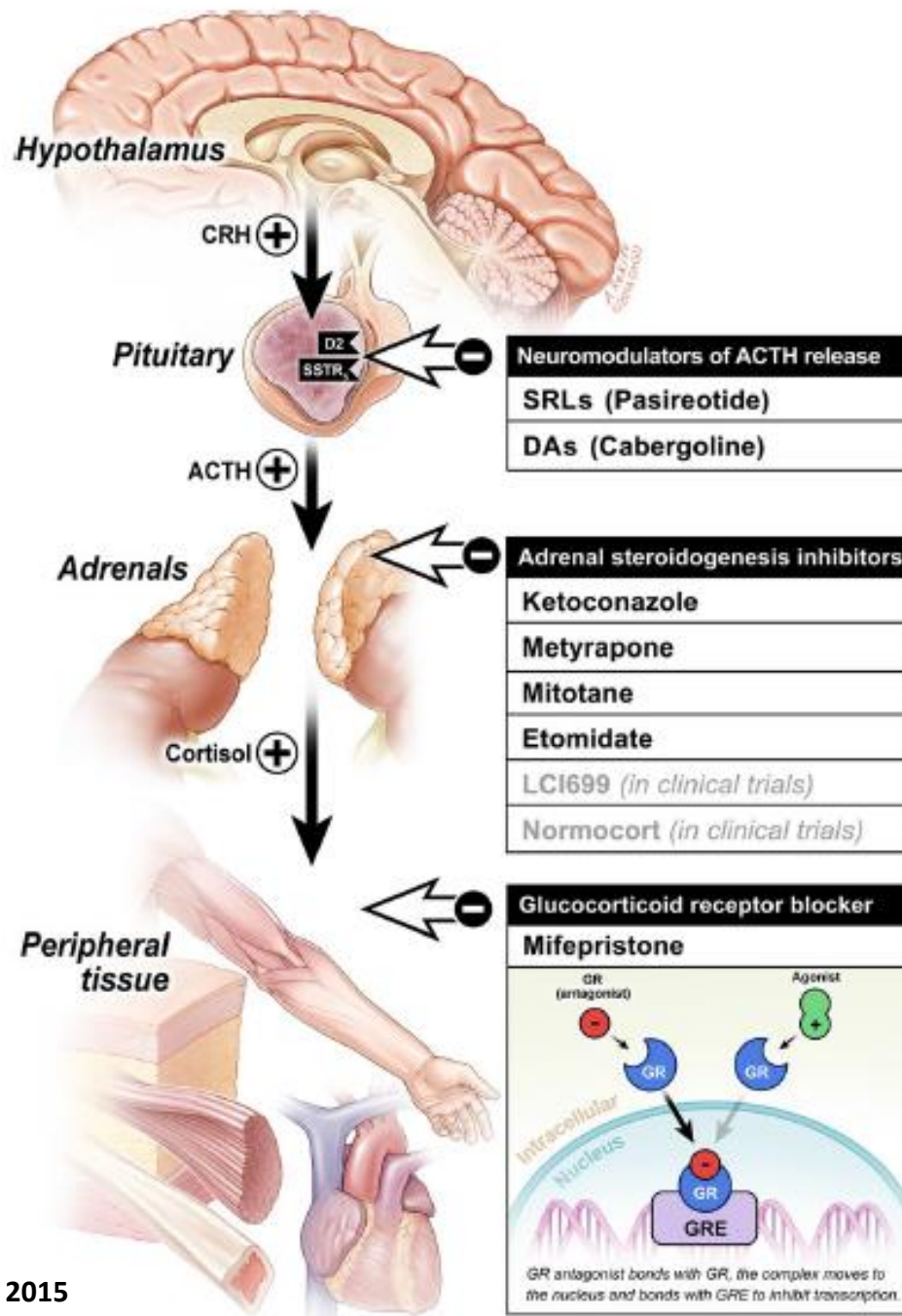
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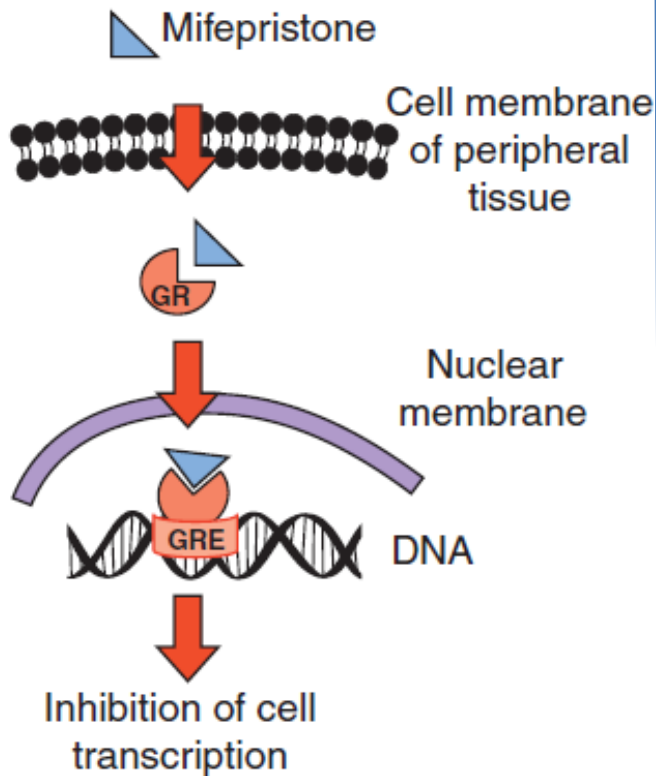
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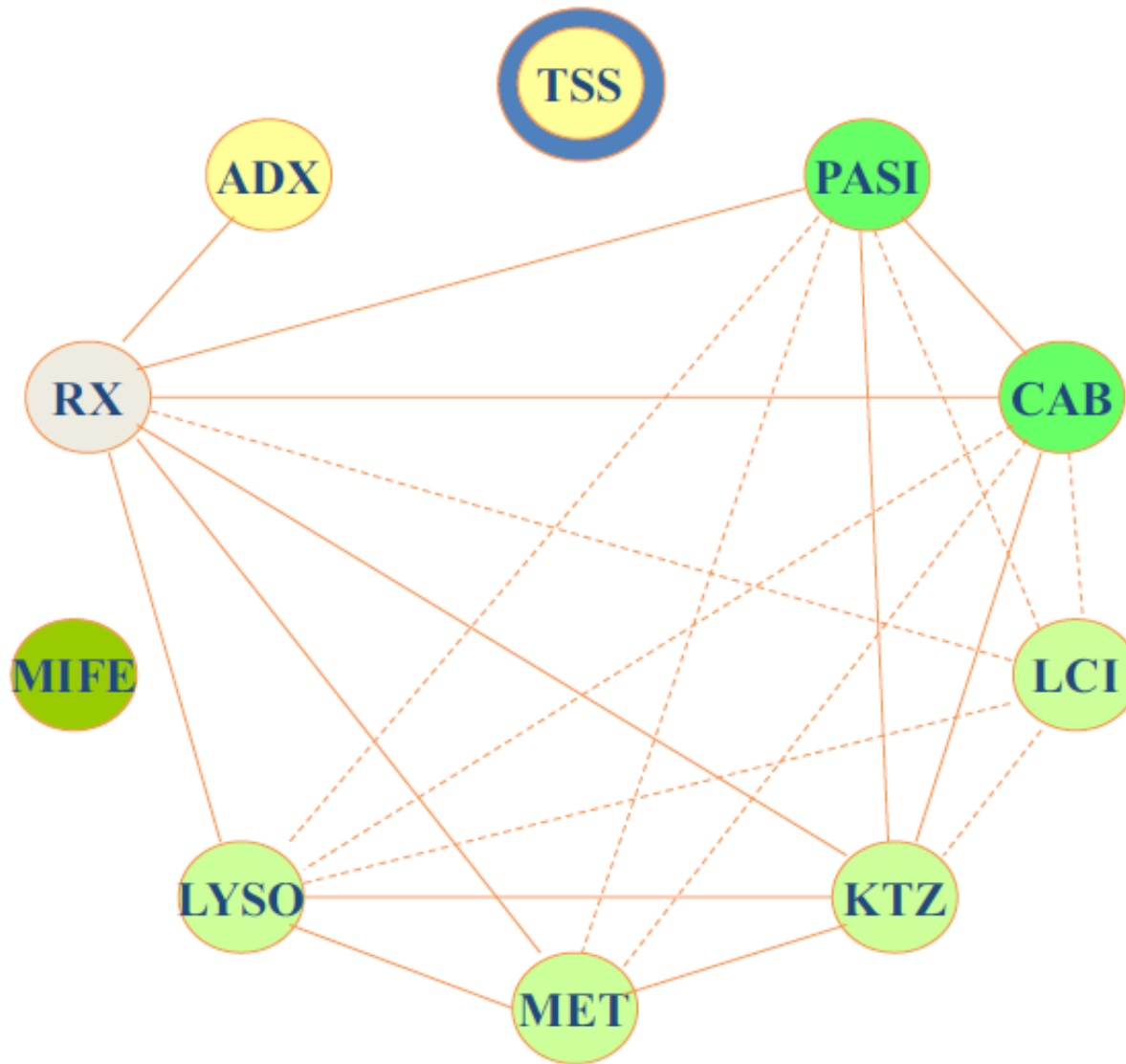
Antagonista non-selettivo del Glucocorticoid Receptor type II

**Affinità per il recettore 3 volte quella del DEX
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Successful Treatment of Cushing's Syndrome with the Glucocorticoid Antagonist RU 486*

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ABSTRACT. A patient with Cushing's syndrome due to ectopic ACTH secretion was treated successfully with the new glucocorticoid antagonist RU 486 [17 β -hydroxy-11 β -(4-dimethylamino phenyl)17 α -(1-propynyl)estra-4,9-dien-3-one]. This compound is a 19-nor steroid with substitutions at positions C11 and C17 which antagonizes cortisol action competitively at the receptor level. Oral RU 486 was given in increasing doses of 5, 10, 15, and 20 mg daily. The patient's clinical course was monitored by several glucocorticoid-sensitive parameters: blood sugar, blood

and plasma concentrations of TSH, corticosteroid-binding globulin, LH, testosterone-estradiol-binding globulin, and total and free testosterone. With therapy, the somatic features of Cushing's syndrome (buffalo hump, central obesity, and moon facies) ameliorated, mean arterial blood pressure normalized, suicidal depression resolved, and libido returned. All biochemical glucocorticoid-sensitive parameters normalized. No side-effects of

drug toxicity were observed. We conclude that RU 486 may provide a safe, well tolerated, and effective medical treatment for hypercortisolism. (*J Clin Endocrinol Metab* **61**: 536, 1985)

Medical Treatment of Cushing's Syndrome: Glucocorticoid Receptor Antagonists and Mifepristone

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Table 1. Individual data of patients treated with mifepristone for adrenal carcinoma (patients 1–17), ectopic ACTH secretion (18–29), Cushing's disease (30–34) or other causes (35–37)

Patient No.	Sex/age	Dose mg/day	Previous treatments	Duration months	High BP	Hypokalemia	Adrenal insufficiency	Diabetes
1	F/45	5–22 mg/kg		2				
2	F/32	400		2				
3	F/NA	20–30 mg/kg		4				
4	M/62	400		9			↑	
5	M/43	400–800 mg		0.5				
6	M/63	1,000	M	6	↓	↔		↓
7	F/39	400	M	2.5	↔	↑		–
8	F/52	400–600	M	3	↓	↑		–
9	F/52	400–600	M	3	↓	↑		↔
10	F/45	400–2,000	M+K	1	–	↑		–
11	F/63	600	M+K	2	↔	–	↑	–
12	M/20	600–1,200	M+K	1	↓	↑	↑	↔
13	F/47	400–1,200	M+K	2	↔	↑		–
14	F/38	400–600	M+m	3	–	–		–
15	F/44	200–600	M+m	2	–	–		–
16	M/64	200–400	M+m	1.5	–	–		–
17	M/52	600	M+E	0.25	–	↑		↔
18	M/36	5–22 mg/kg		10			↑	
19	M/42	5–22 mg/kg		12				
20	F/63	5–22 mg/kg		4			↑	
21	F/55	5–22 mg/kg		2.5				
22	F/46	800–1,600		0.3				
23	M/25	5–20 mg/kg	m+chemotherapy	2.5	↓	↓		↓
24	F/2	75–300	none	2	↓	–		↓
25	F/46	600	chemotherapy	2	↑	↑		↓
26	F/37	800	chemotherapy	10	↑	↑		–
27	M/55	400–600	E+m	1	↓	↑		↓
28	F/43	600	K	2	↑	↑		↓
29	F/38	400–800	K	18	↑	↑		–
30	M/45	400–800	K	12	–	–		–
31	M/56	600–1,200	K	24	–	–	↑	–
32	F/50	600	–	0.5	–	↔		–
33	F/45	600	–	3	↑	↑		–
34	M/51	400–2,000	K	18	↔	↑	↑	–
35	F/38	5–22 mg/kg	–	1.5				
36	F/52	600	K	6	–	↔		↓
37	F/14	400	–	8	–	–		–

Previous treatments are treatments administered before the start of mifepristone therapy: M = mitotane; K = ketoconazole; m = metyrapone; E = etomidate. High blood pressure (BP), hypokalemia, adrenal insufficiency and diabetes: ↓ = alleviation or improvement on mifepristone; ↑ = worsening or onset on mifepristone; ↔ = unchanged on mifepristone; – = absent before treatment, unchanged on mifepristone; blank space for patients 1–5 = not available.

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SEISMIC Study of the Efficacy and Safety of Mifepristone in the Treatment of Endogenous Cushing's Syndrome

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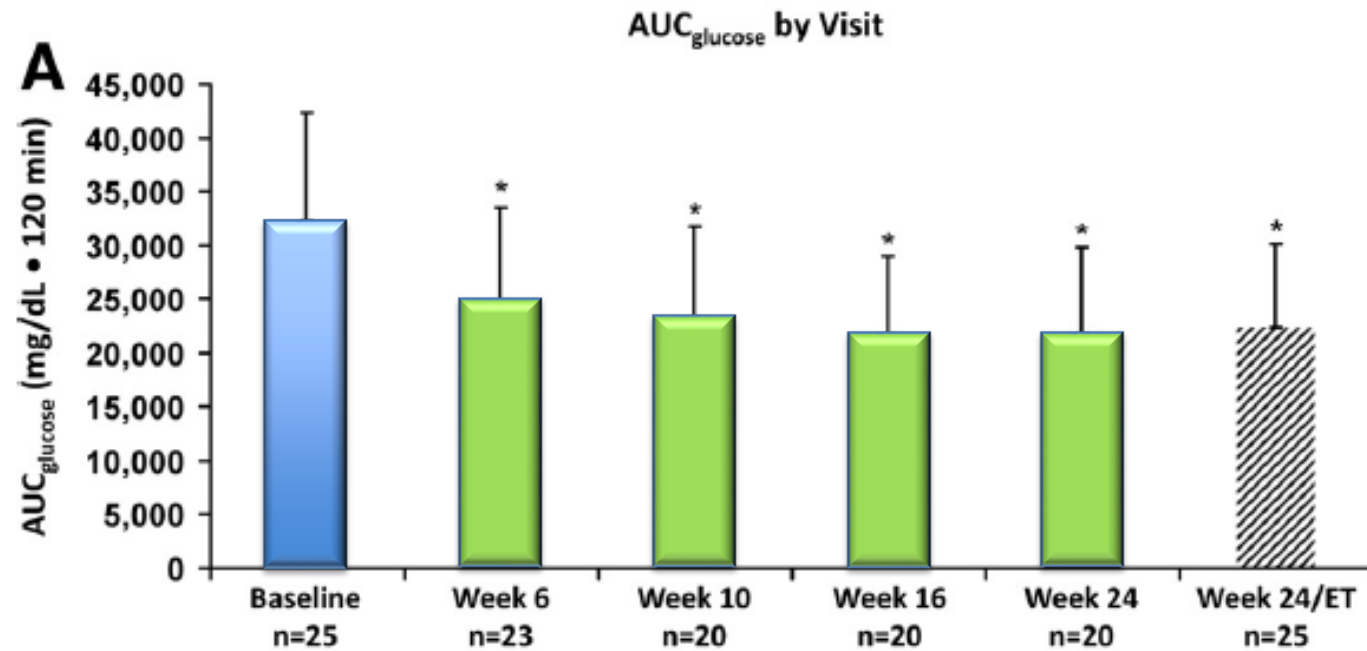
50 pazienti adulti con Cushing's syndrome, dopo fallimento di terapie combinate, con associato Diabete mellito/alterata tolleranza ai carboidrati o Ipertensione arteriosa

Dose di 300-1200 mg/die

**Endpoint primario: riduzione del 25% del AUC_{glucosio} in OGTT
riduzione di 5 mmHg della DBP**

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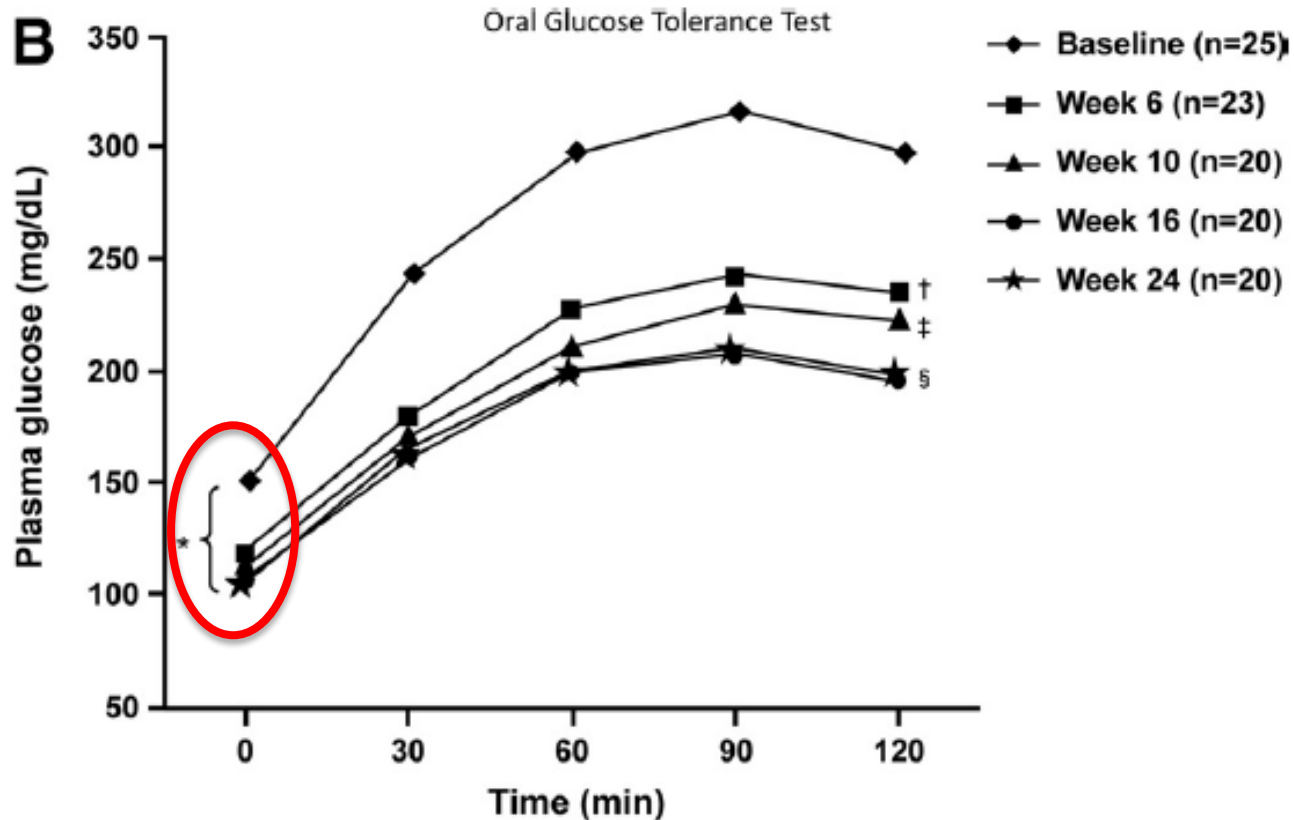


Error bars in graph are SD.

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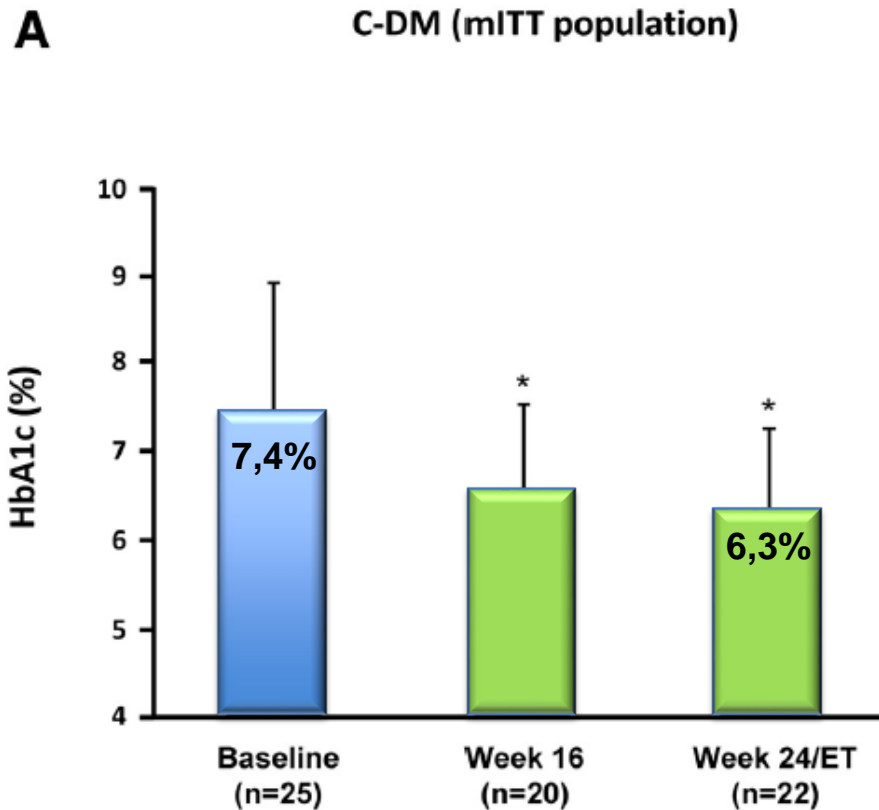
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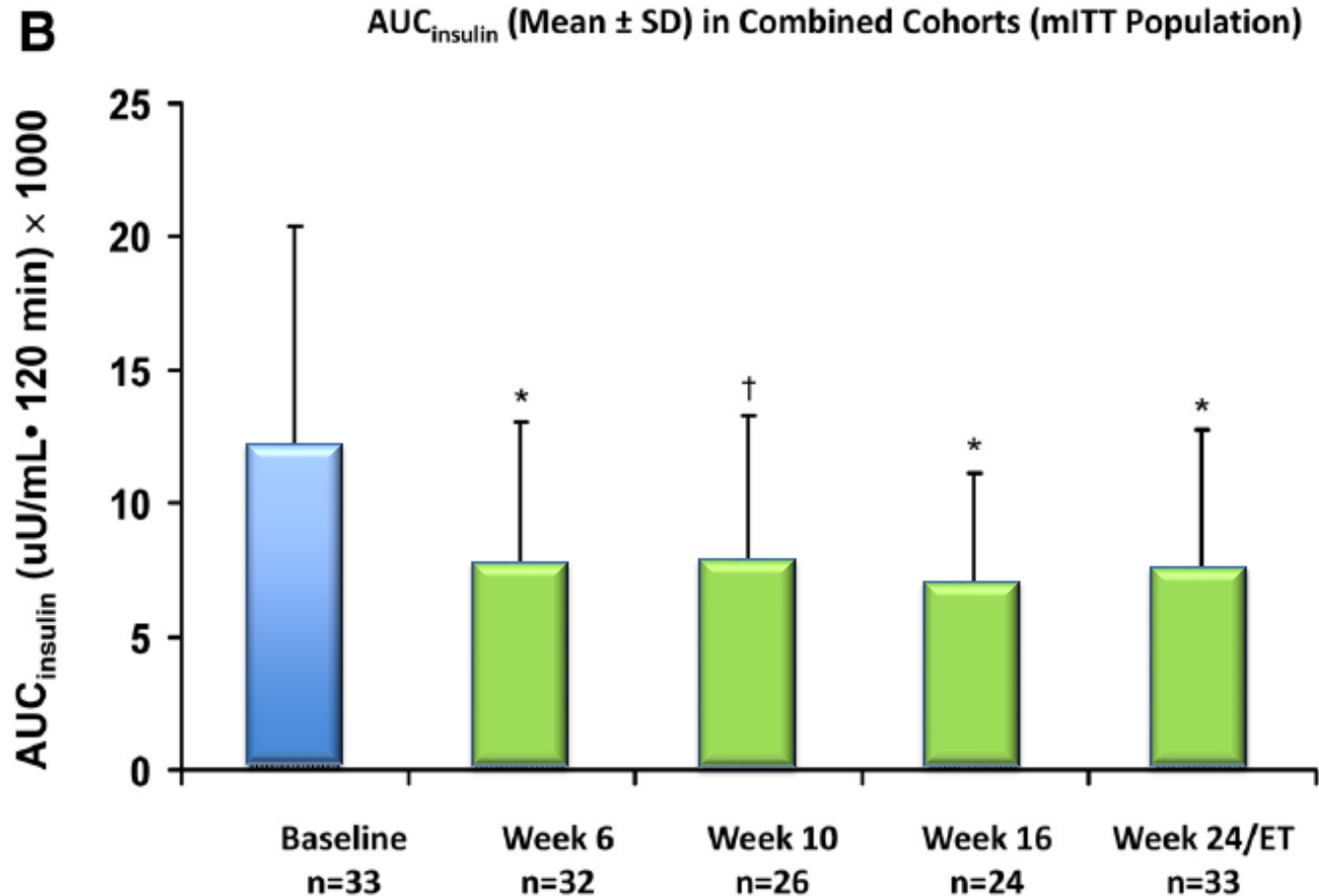
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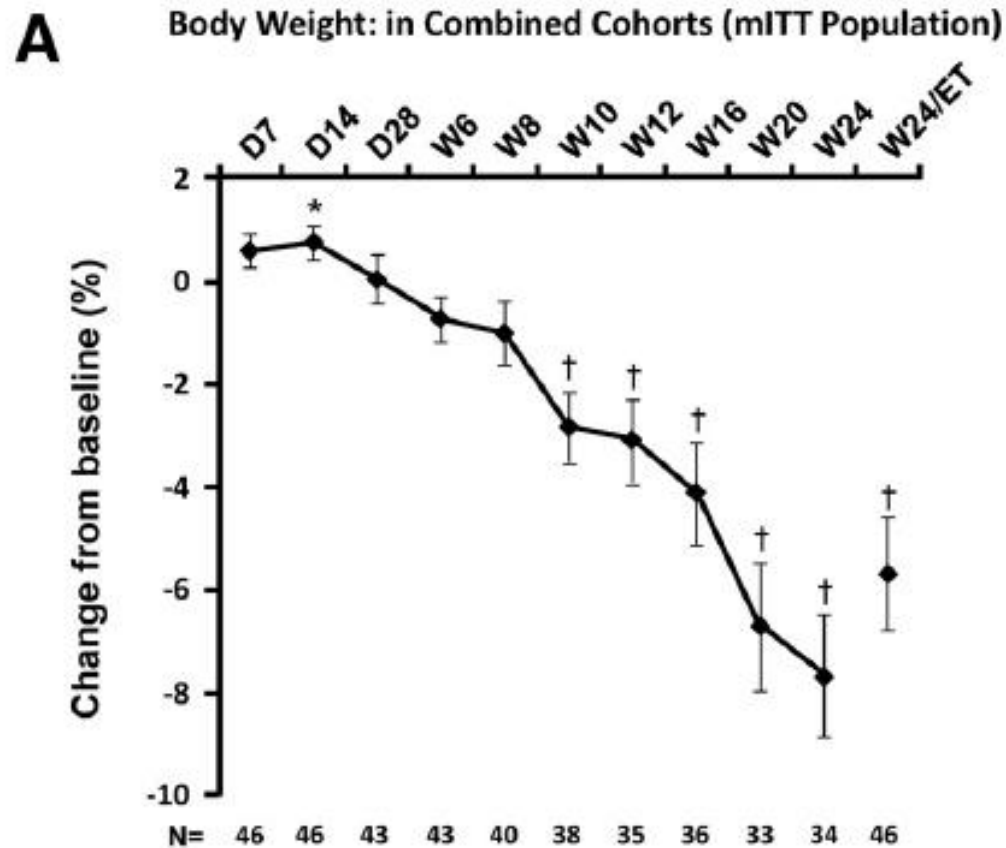
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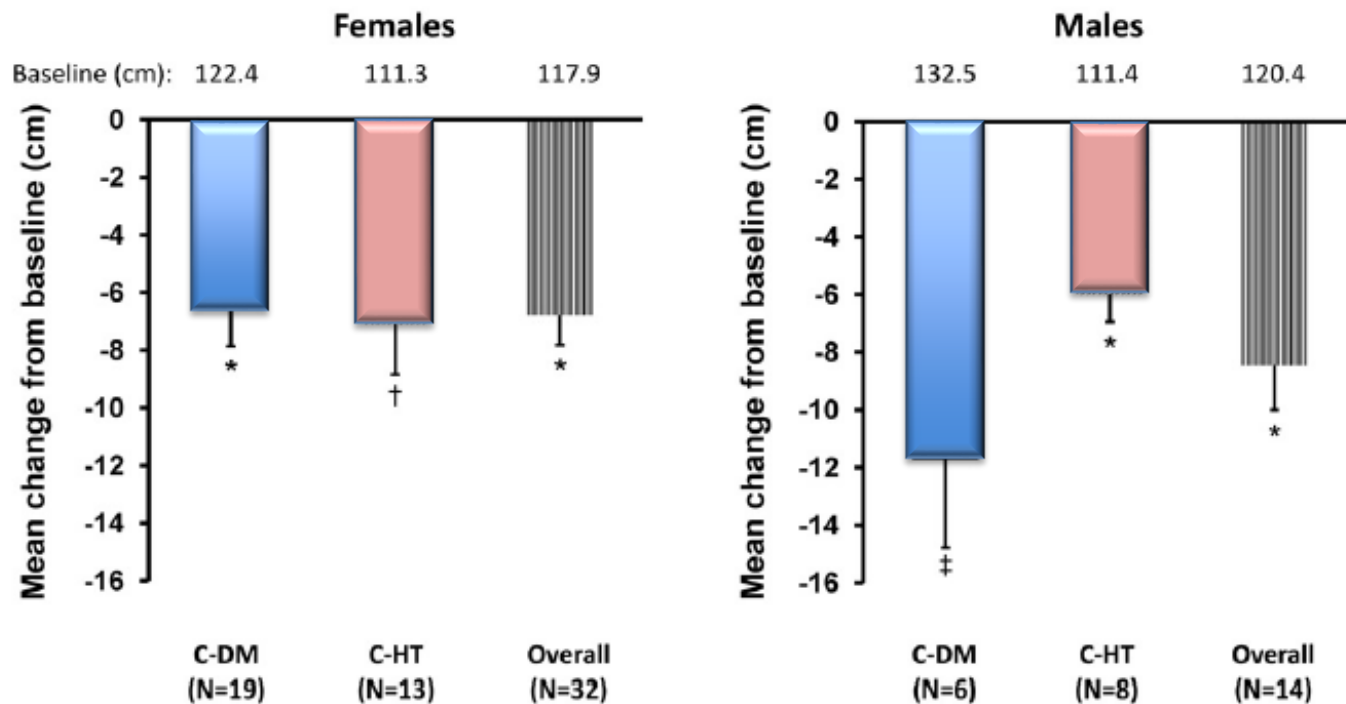


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**Change in Waist Circumference From Baseline to Week 24/ET:
Females and Males (mITT Population)**



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TABLE 3. Summary of responder analyses (mITT population)

Statistics (mITT population)	Responder [n (%)]	Nonresponder [n (%)]	Lower bound one-sided 95% exact binomial CI (%)	P value
C-DM (n = 25) Participants with or without a 25% reduction from baseline in AUC _{glucose} at wk 24/ET	15 (60)	10 (40)	41.7	<0.0001
C-HT (n = 21) Participants who had ≥5 mm Hg reduction from baseline in DBP at wk 24/ET	8 (38.1)	13 (61.9)	20.6	<0.05
C-HT and C-DM with HTN at screening (n = 40) Participants who had ≥5 mm Hg reduction from baseline in DBP at wk 24/ET	17 (42.5)	23 (57.5)		
Participants who had a reduction in antihypertensive medications at wk 24/ET	11 (27.5)	29 (72.5)		
Participants who had either ≥5 mm Hg reduction from baseline in DBP or had a reduction in antihypertensive medications at wk 24/ET	21 (52.5) ^a	19 (47.5)		
Median clinical improvement score of +1 at any reviewed visit ^b				
Combined cohorts (n = 46)	40 (87.0)	6 (13.0)	75.9	<0.0001
C-DM (n = 25)	23 (92.0)	2 (8.0)	76.9	
C-HT (n = 21)	17 (81.0)	4 (19.0)	61.6	

^a 95% CI = 36.1–68.5.

^b For overall clinical improvement (median DRB score +1) at any reviewed visit, the null hypothesis was to be rejected in favor of the alternative if the lower limit of the 95% exact one-sided binomial CI for the responder rate was at least 30%.

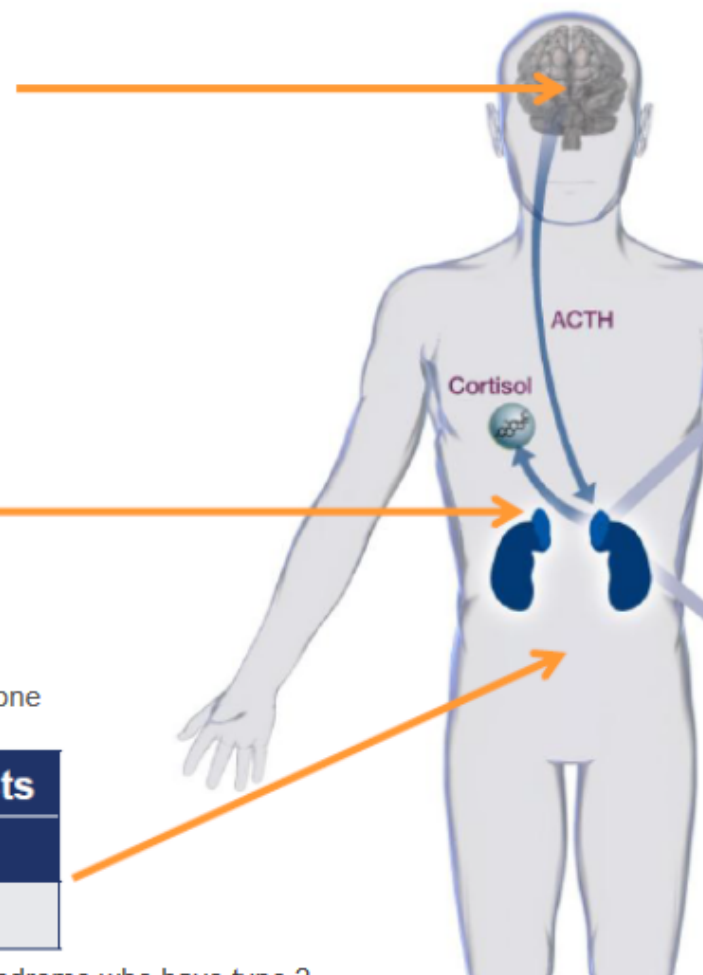
Pituitary-targeted agents	
Indication	
Cabergoline	Off-label
Pasireotide	Approved SSN

Adrenal-directed agents	
Indication	
Metyrapone	Approved SSN
Ketoconazole	Approved SSN
Mitotane	Law 648/96*

* Sindrome di Cushing grave (trattata con terapia radiante o in preparazione all' intervento chirurgico)

Glucocorticoid receptor antagonists	
Indication	
Mifepristone	Off-label

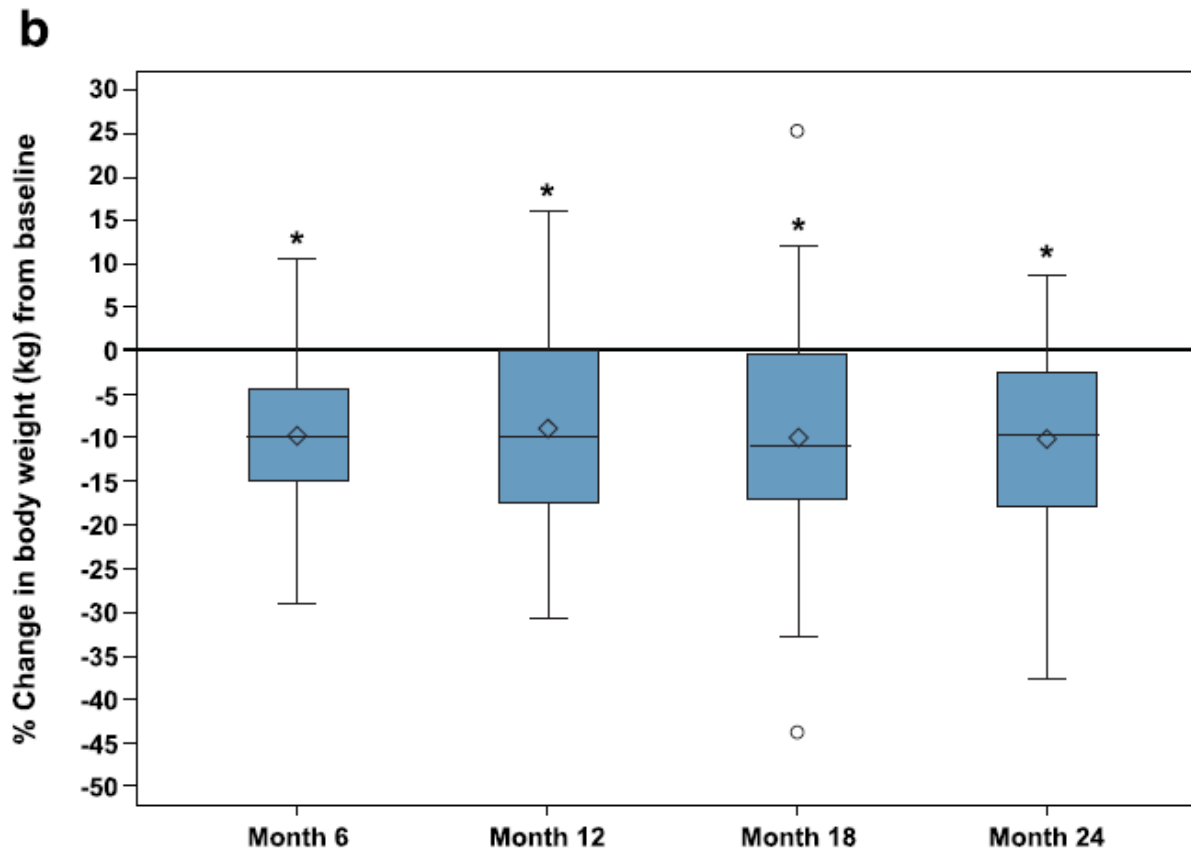
Approved in patients with endogenous Cushing's syndrome who have type 2 diabetes or glucose intolerance and are not candidates for surgery or who have not responded to prior surgery



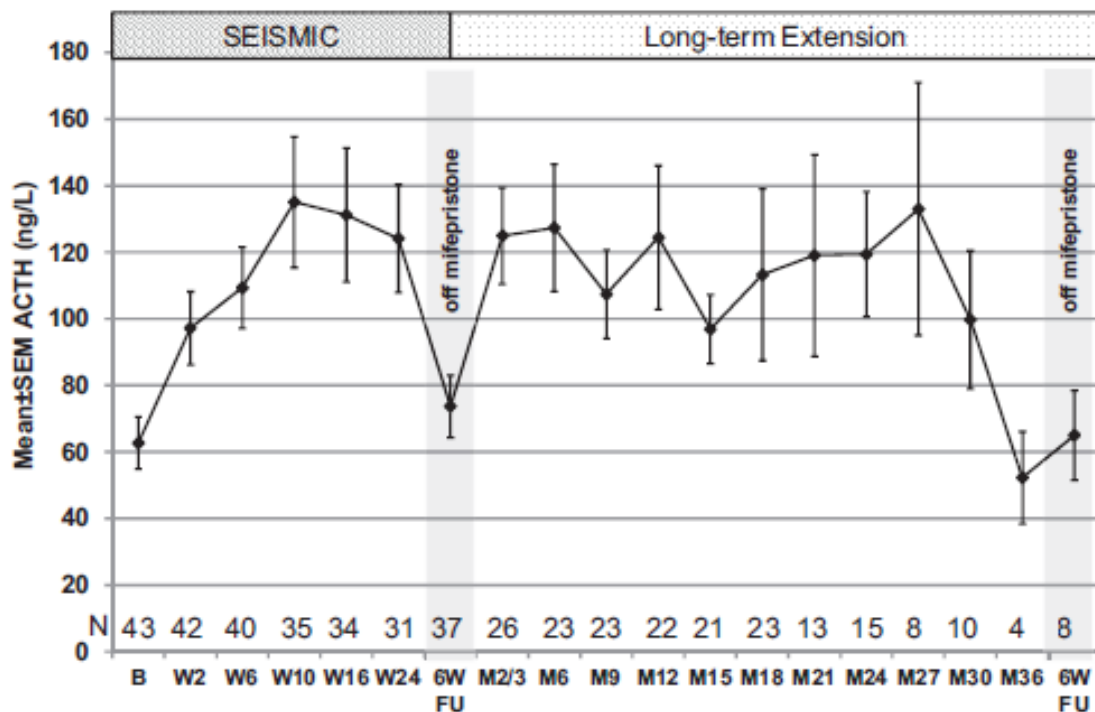
Sustained weight loss in patients treated with mifepristone for Cushing's syndrome: a follow-up analysis of the SEISMIC study and long-term extension

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Changes in Plasma ACTH Levels and Corticotroph Tumor Size in Patients With Cushing's Disease During Long-term Treatment With the Glucocorticoid Receptor Antagonist Mifepristone



- Incremento ACTH 2/3 pazienti
- ACTH incrementa nelle prime settimane, dose-dipendente, stabile nel tempo
- Adenoma ipofisario può crescere o regredire
- Non sempre incremento ACTH significa progressione del volume tumorale

Table 2. Findings of Central MRI Reading

	Baseline	Progressed (C) ^a	Stable (A or B) ^a	Regressed (D) ^a
Nonvisible	20	1	19	
Microadenoma (<10 mm)	9	0	8	1
Macroadenoma (≥10 mm)	7	3	3	1

Global clinical response in Cushing's syndrome patients treated with mifepristone

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Table 1. Clinical parameters assessed by raters for global clinical response

Glucose

- Fasting plasma glucose test
- Oral glucose tolerance tests*
- Haemoglobin A1c test†
- Change in glucose-lowering medications

Lipids

- Total cholesterol and lipoprotein fractions and triglycerides

Blood pressure

- Systolic blood
- Diastolic blood
- Change in antihypertensive medications

Body composition

- Body weight
- Body mass index
- Waist circumference

Bone resorption and formation markers

Clinical scores/appearance

- Investigator-graded Cushingoid appearance‡
- Investigator-graded acne scores²³
- Investigator-graded hirsutism scores (women only)²⁴
- Investigator-graded striae§

Strength

- Sit-to-stand test (lower extremity function)^{25,26}
- Hand-grip strength test²⁷

Psychiatric health/cognitive function

- Beck depression inventory²⁸
- Trail making test (cognitive function)^{29,30}

Quality of life

- SF-36 health survey (quality of life)³¹

➤ **Peso corporeo**
➤ **OGTT**
➤ **Pressione diastolica**
➤ **Aspetto Cushingoide**

**Predittori di
Global Clinical Response**

The Treatment of Cushing's Disease

Rosario Pivonello, Monica De Leo, Alessia Cozzolino, and Annamaria Colao

Endocrine Reviews, August 2015, 36(4):385–486

Table 12. Results of the Main Studies Evaluating the Outcome of Mifepristone in CD

First Author, Year (Ref.)	No. of patients	Drug Dose,	Remission
Castinetti, 2009 (757)	4		Nausea:48; fatigue:48; headache:44; hypokalemia:34; arthralgia:30; vomiting:26; peripheral edema:26;
Fleseriu, 2012 (758)	50 CS, 43 CD		hypertension:24; dizziness:22; decreased appetite:20; adrenal insufficiency:4; endometrial thickening:38.5% (of the women)
Total	47		Hypokalemia:R:25–34; M:29.5; m:29.5; hypertension:R:24–25; M:24.5; m:24.5; adrenal insufficiency:R:4–25; M:14.5; m:14.5

Mifepristone for Management of Cushing's Syndrome

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Table 4. Drugs that Interact with Mifepristone Through CYP2C8/2C9 and CYP2B6¹⁸

Drugs Metabolized by CYP2C8/2C9	Drugs Metabolized by CYP2B6
Use lowest dose and monitor closely	Not studied—use lowest dose
Fluvastatin	Bupropion
NSAIDs	Efavirenz
Warfarin	
Repaglinide	

CYP = cytochrome P450; NSAIDs = nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.

Table 3. Sample List of Drugs or Foods that Interact with Mifepristone Through CYP4503A¹⁸

Drugs Metabolized by CYP3A	CYP3A Inhibitors	CYP3A Inducers
Use alternative drug or administer lowest dose and/or decrease frequency	Limit mifepristone to 300 mg/day	Do not use (has not been studied)
Cyclosporine	Azole antifungals	Rifabutin
Dihydroergotamine	Protease inhibitors	Phenobarbital
Ergotamine	Macrolides	Phenytoin
Fentanyl	Mibefradil	Carbamazepine
Pimozide	Nefazodone	St. John's wort
Quinidine	Conivaptan	Rifampin
Sirolimus	Caution—use lowest effective dose of mifepristone	
Tacrolimus	Imatinib	
Simvastatin	Aprepitant	
Lovastatin	Ciprofloxacin	
	Grapefruit juice	
	Nondihydropyridine CCBs	

CCBs = calcium channel blockers; CYP = cytochrome P450.

Conclusioni

Il Mifepristone è un antagonista del recettore dei glucocorticoidi (approvato dal FDA per il trattamento dell'iperglicemia associata alla CS)

Utile per il rapido controllo delle manifestazioni cliniche del Cushing (ectopico, psicosi)

Perdita di ogni markers ormonale per valutare l'efficacia del farmaco ed il controllo della malattia, mandatorio il controllo clinico del paziente

Importanti effetti collaterali: insufficienza surrenalica e ipokaliemia (ipertensione arteriosa, edema, alcalosi,metrorragia)

Interazione con altri farmaci

L'efficacia a lungo termine ed il profilo di sicurezza del farmaco dovranno essere determinati in ulteriori studi

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