

# Täiskasvanute astma käsitlemine esmatasandil

## Tõendusmaterjali kokkuvõte

### Kliiniline küsimus nr 8

1. *Kliinilise küsimuse tekst:*

*Kas astma diagnoosiga püsiravi vajavatele patsientidele tuleks ravi tiitrimisel (step-up) määrata kahe ravimi kombinatsioonid*

a) *ISC+LABA vs ISC+leukotrieni retseptorite antagonist (LRA)*

b) *ISC+LABA vs ISC+ pikatoimeline teofülliin*

c) *ISC+leukotrieni retseptorite antagonist (LRA) vs ISC+ pikatoimeline teofülliin*

Kokkuvõtte, sh kriitiliste tulemusnäitajate kaupa:

Kokkuvõtte põhineb Cochrane'i andmebaasi süstemaatilistel ülevaadetel: [Ducharme 2011](#), mis käsitleb küsimust ISC+LABA vs ISC+LRA, ja [Tee 2007](#), mis käsitleb ISC+LABA vs ISC+ pikatoimeline teofülliin. Lisaks avaldati 2014. a ajakohastatud ISC+LABA vs ISC+LRA küsimust käsitlev Cochrane'i andmebaasi süstematiline ülevaade, mis hõlmab uuringuid kuni 2012 detsembrini ([Chauchan 2014](#)), järeldused jäid üldjoontes samaks. Nende ülevaadete uuringuperioodist hiljem publitseeritud vastavaid küsimusi käsitlevaid RCT ei leidnud (s.t. kahe ravimi, mitte kolme ravimi kombinatsioonteraapia).

Kokkuvõtte:

a) ISC+LABA vs ISC+LRA – soovitus kasutada ISC+LABA kombinatsiooni

b) ISC+LABA vs ISC+ pikatoimeline teofülliin – soovitus kasutada ISC+LABA kombinatsiooni

c) ISC+LRA vs ISC+ pikatoimeline teofülliin – ravijuhendite soovitude põhjal kergemate astma vormide puhul eelistada pigem ISC+LRA kombinatsiooni, kuna teofülliin põhjustab sagedamini kõrvaltoimeid. Süstemaatilisi ülevaateid selle kohta ei leidnud, publitseeritud [RCT](#) ei näidanud astma kontrolli paranemist kummaski kombinatsioonravi rühmas võrreldes ISC+ platseeboga (siiski, rühmas, kus patsiendid ei saanud ICS, parandas teofülliin astma kontrolli)

Kokkuvõtte süstemaatilistes ülevaadetes toodud tulemusnäitajatest:

Elukvaliteet –

a) ei ole uuritud

b) ei ole uuritud

Astma ägenemine –

a) patsientide arv, kes vajasisid astma ägenemise tõttu süsteemseid kortikosteroide, 0.83 [ 0.71, 0.97 ] – **NNT 38**

b) ei ole uuritud

Suremus (astmast tingitud või olenemata põhjusest e *all-cause mortality*) –

a) üks surmajuht ICS + LABA grupis, RR 3.02 [ 0.12, 73.92 ]

b) ei ole uuritud

Päevaste sümptomite esinemine –

a) võrreldi sümptomskoori muutuseid, RR-0.18 [ -0.25, -0.12 ]

b) võrreldi sümptomite vabade päevade arvu, 4.87 [ -12.10, 21.83 ]

Öösümptomid/unehäired –

a) öiste sümptomite skoori muutused, -0.18 [ -0.29, -0.07 ], öised ärkamised, -0.12 [ -0.19, -0.06 ]

b) võrreldi sümptomite vabade ööde arvu, 5.86 [ -9.73, 21.46 ]

Hooravi vajadus –

a) hooravi vajaduse kordade muutus ööpäevas, -0.49 [ -0.75, -0.24 ]

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b) hooravi kasutamise muutus, -0.43 [ -0.83, -0.03 ]

Hospitaliseerimine (olenemata põhjusest) –

a) patsientide arv, kes vajasisid hospitaliseerimist ägenemise tõttu, 1.31 [ 0.58, 2.98 ]

b) ei ole uuritud

Ravi katkestamine kõrvaltoime tõttu –

a) 1.01 [ 0.79, 1.29 ]

b) ei ole uuritud, kuid on olemas uuringud erinevate kõrvaltoimete esinemise kohta mõlemas grupis

Füüsilise aktiivsuse piiratus –

a) ei ole uuritud

b) ei ole uuritud

Ravikulu –

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## Ravijuhendid

Kokkuvõtte ravijuhendites leiduvatest soovitustest:

a) ICS+LABA vs ICS+LRA

Kõikides ravijuhendites, kus küsimus käsitlest leiab, soovitatakse kasutada ICS + LABA kombinatsiooni.

b) ICS+LABA vs ICS+retardteofülliin

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c) ICS+retardteofülliin vs ICS+LRA

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SIGN juhendis leitakse, et mõlemad kombinatsioonid võivad vähendada astma sümptomeid, samas kõrvaltoimeid annab rohkem ICS+retardteofülliin: NNTH (*number needed to harm*) 9-14 sõltuvalt kõrvaltoimest.

GEMA-2012 juhendis soovitatakse kergemate astmavormide puhul pigem ICS + LRA kombinatsiooni, raskemate puhul sobivad mõlemad alternatiivid.

## Süsteematilised ülevaated

Kokkuvõtte süsteematilistest ülevaadetest:

Süsteaatiline ülevaade, mis käsitles ICS+LABA vs ICS+LRA alapunkti, hõlmas 17 randomiseeritud-kontrolluuringut. Leiti, et ICS + LABA kombinatsioon on tõhusam, kunaväheneb vajadussüsteemsete kortikosteroidhormoonide kasutamise järele, paraneb kopsufunktsioon ja elukvaliteet. Samas, kõrvaltoimeid selle kombinatsiooni puhul esines rohkem kui ICS + LRA puhul.

Süsteemaatiline ülevaade, mis käsitleb b) ICS+LABA vs ICS+ teofüllini alapunkti, hõlmas 13 RCT uuringut. Leiti, et ICS+LABA kombinatsiooni kasutamisega väheneb vajadus kasutada hooravi öiste ja päevaste sümptomite kupeerimiseks. Esineb vähem kõrvaltoimeid võrreldes teofüllini kasutamisega.

a) <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21563136>

Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2011 May 11;(5):CD003137.

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**MAIN RESULTS:** We included 17 RCTs (7032 participants), of which 16 recruited adults and adolescents (6850) and one recruited children aged 6 to 17 years (182). Participants demonstrated substantial reversibility to short-acting beta-agonist at baseline. The studies were at a low risk of bias. The risk of exacerbations requiring systemic corticosteroids was lower with the combination of LABA and ICS compared with LTRA and ICS, from 11% to 9% (RR 0.83, 95% CI 0.71 to 0.97; six studies, 5571 adults). The number needed to treat (NNT) with LABA compared to LTRA to prevent one exacerbation over 48 weeks was 38 (95% CI 22 to 244). The choice of LTRA did not significantly affect the results. The effect appeared stronger in the trials using a single device to administer ICS and LABA compared to those using two devices. In the absence of data from the paediatric trial and the clinical homogeneity of studies, we could not perform subgroup analyses. The addition to ICS of LABA compared to LTRA was associated with a statistically greater improvement from baseline in several of the secondary outcomes, including lung function, functional status measures and quality of life. Serious adverse events were more common with LABA than LTRA, although the estimate was imprecise (RR 1.35, 95% CI 1.00 to 1.82), and the NNT to harm for one additional patient to suffer a serious adverse event on LABA over 48 weeks was 78 (95% CI 33 to infinity). The risk of withdrawal for any reason in adults was significantly lower with LABA and ICS compared to LTRA and ICS (RR 0.84, 95% CI 0.74 to 0.96).

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b) <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/17636663>

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### BACKGROUND:

Asthma treatment guidelines recommend addition of controller medications for patients with poorly controlled asthma. We compared the effectiveness of once-daily oral controller therapy with either an antileukotriene receptor antagonist (montelukast) or low-dose theophylline added to existing medications in patients with poorly controlled asthma.

### METHODS:

We conducted a randomized, double-masked, placebo-controlled trial in 489 participants with poorly controlled asthma randomly assigned to placebo, theophylline (300 mg/d), or montelukast (10 mg/d). Participants were monitored for 24 wk to measure the rate of episodes of poor asthma control (EPACs) defined by decreased peak flow, increased beta-agonist use, increased oral corticosteroid use, or unscheduled health care visits.

### OBSERVATIONS:

There was no significant difference in EPAC rates (events/person/yr) compared with placebo: low-dose theophylline, 4.9 (95% confidence

[Am J Respir Crit Care Med.](#) 2007 Feb 1;175(3):235-42. Epub 2006 Sep 22.

Clinical trial of low-dose theophylline and montelukast in patients with poorly controlled asthma.

[American Lung Association Asthma Clinical Research Centers.](#)

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16998094>

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<p>interval [CI], 3.6-6.7; not significant); montelukast, 4.0 (95% CI, 3.0-5.4; not significant); and placebo, 4.9 (95% CI, 3.8-6.4). Both montelukast and theophylline caused small improvements in prebronchodilator FEV(1) of borderline significance. Nausea was more common with theophylline only during the first 4 wk of treatment. Neither treatment improved asthma symptoms or quality of life. However, in patients not receiving inhaled corticosteroids, addition of low-dose theophylline significantly (<math>p &lt; 0.002</math>) improved asthma control and symptoms as well as lung function.</p> <p><b>CONCLUSIONS:</b></p> <p>Neither montelukast nor low-dose theophylline lowered the EPAC rate of poor asthma control in patients with poorly controlled asthma despite improved lung function. For patients not using inhaled corticosteroids, low-dose theophylline improved asthma symptom control more than montelukast or placebo, and provides a safe and low-cost alternative asthma treatment.</p>	