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# Rationale use of Bronchodilator in Reactive Airways Disease

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PE: active, dyspnea, BT 38.2°C, RR 50 /min

HEENT: clear rhinorrhea, mild injected pharynx

Lung: generalized expiratory wheezing, poor air entry

แพทย์ได้ให้การรักษาด้วยการให้ salbutamol nebulization x 2 ครั้ง ห่างกัน 20 นาที

Lung: clear, no wheezing, good air entry

ท่านจะให้การวินิจฉัยอะไรเบื้องต้น :

A. Reactive airway disease

B. Viral-induced wheezing

C. Asthma

# What is Reactive Airways Disease (RAD)?



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- **Not a diagnosis !!!**
- A nondiagnostic term that described the following symptoms in young children:
  - Recurrent wheeze, cough, sputum production or dyspnea
- Practical use of this term
  - Young children (under 5 years old) with wheezing (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> episodes)
  - Other asthma-like symptoms in the setting of viral lower respiratory infections (Viral-induced wheezing)
  - Uncomfortable to diagnose asthma on initial presentation



# Reactive Airways Disease (RAD)

- Preschool wheezing / asthma (which was treated as asthma)
- Interchangeable terms
  - “Asthma-like symptoms” or “Recurrent wheeze”
  - Bronchial hyper-responsiveness (BHR)
  - Viral-induced wheezing
  - Transient asthma



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# RAD or Asthma?

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# Clinical Outcomes for Young Children Diagnosed With Asthma Versus Reactive Airway Disease



- Retrospective cohort analysis, university-based general pediatrics practice
- 403 children (2–7 yo), diagnosed with RAD or asthma

**Table 1.** Patient and Index Visit Characteristics

	Full Sample				Patient With 24 Months of Follow-Up			
	Overall n = 403	RAD n = 249	Asthma n = 154	<i>P</i> Value*	Overall n = 300	RAD n = 186	Asthma n = 114	<i>P</i> Value*
Sex (male)	259 (64%)	163 (66%)	96 (62%)	.525	200 (67%)	130 (70%)	70 (61%)	.130
Race (Black)	269 (67%)	172 (69%)	97 (63%)	.207	198 (66%)	129 (69%)	69 (61%)	.117
Ethnicity (Hispanic)	100 (25%)	60 (24%)	40 (26%)	.672	79 (26%)	49 (26%)	30 (26%)	.996
Age at index visit (mo)	23 (16)	18 (13)	30 (17)	<.001	20 (13)	16 (10)	26 (14)	<.001
Index visit location								
ED	107 (27%)	87 (35%)	20 (13%)	<.001	83 (28%)	67 (36%)	16 (14%)	<.001
General pediatrics clinic	273 (68%)	146 (59%)	127 (82%)		206 (69%)	112 (60%)	94 (82%)	
Hospital	21 (5%)	16 (6%)	5 (3%)		10 (3%)	7 (4%)	3 (3%)	
Specialist clinic	2 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (1%)		1 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (1%)	
History of wheezing before index visit (Y/N)	151 (37%)	80 (32%)	71 (46%)	.005	105 (35%)	56 (30%)	49 (43%)	.023
Bronchiolitis co-diagnosed at index visit (Y/N)	46 (11%)	43 (17%)	3 (2%)	<.001	36 (12%)	34 (18%)	2 (2%)	<.001

RAD indicates reactive airway disease; ED, emergency department.

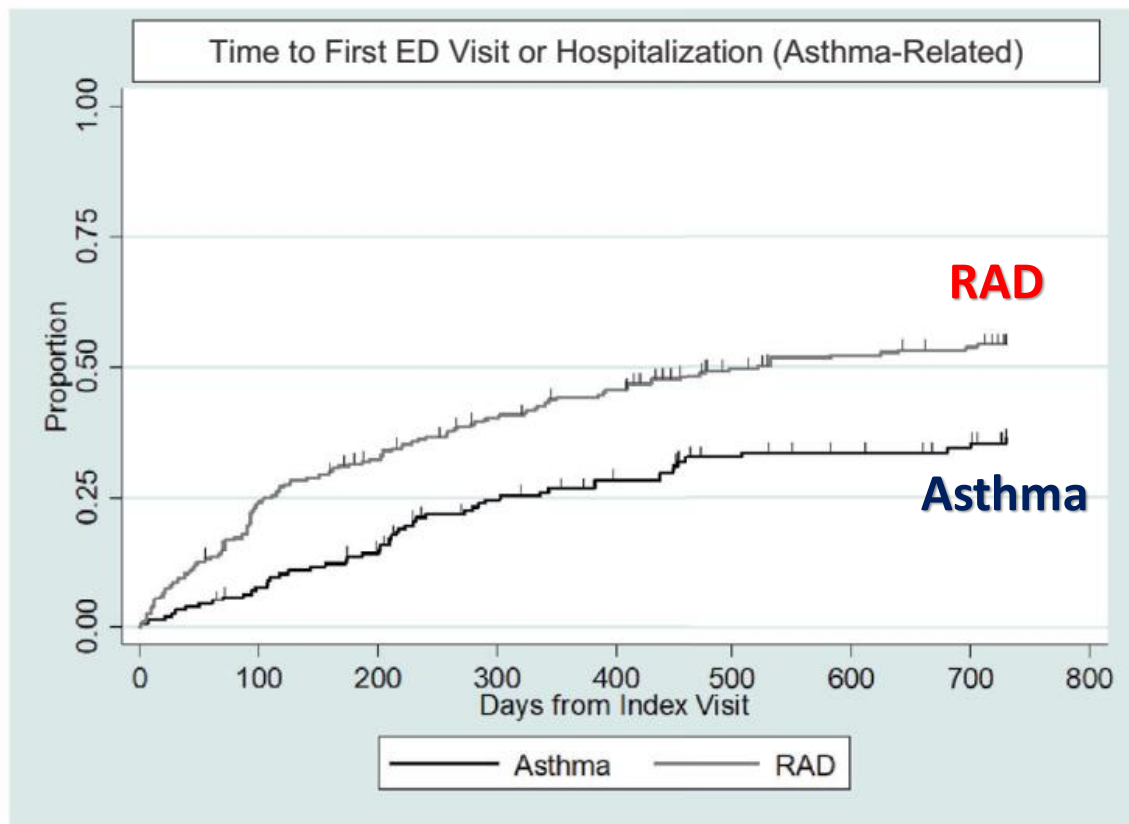
Data presented as mean (SD) or N (%).

\*Pearson Chi-square test, Fisher exact test, or *t* test.

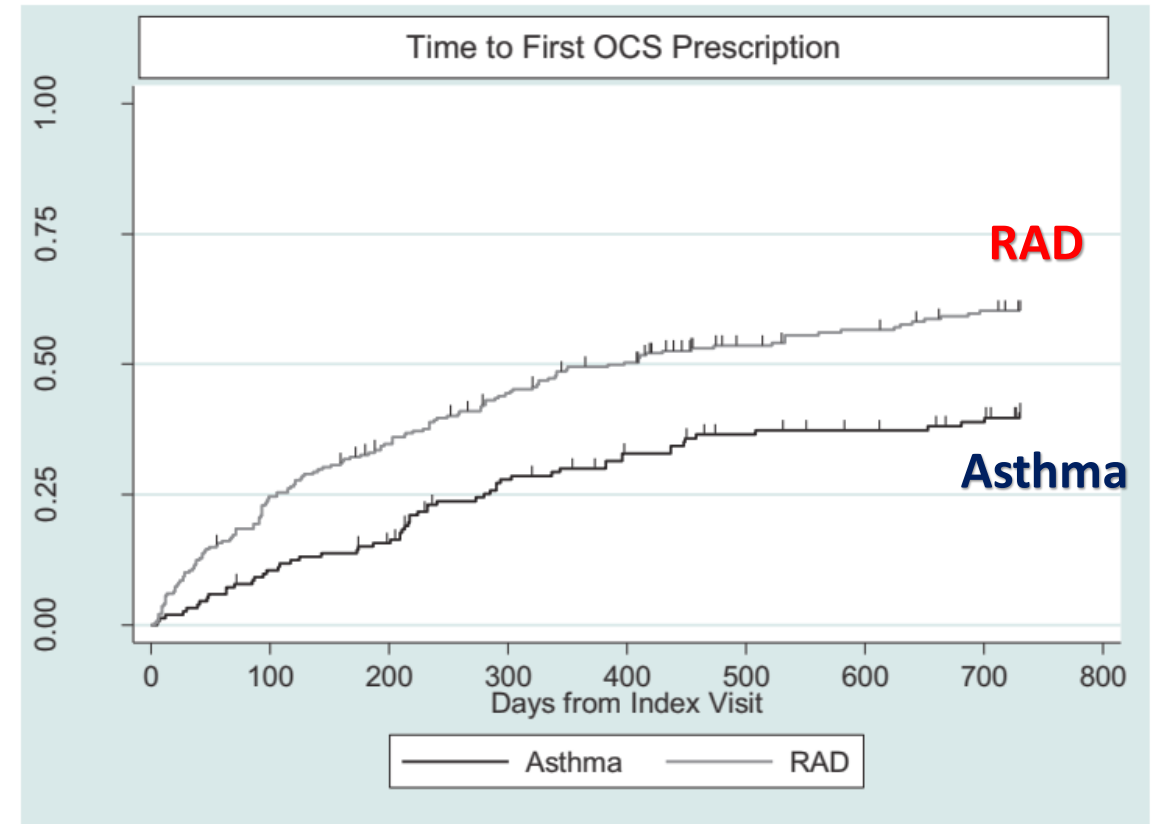
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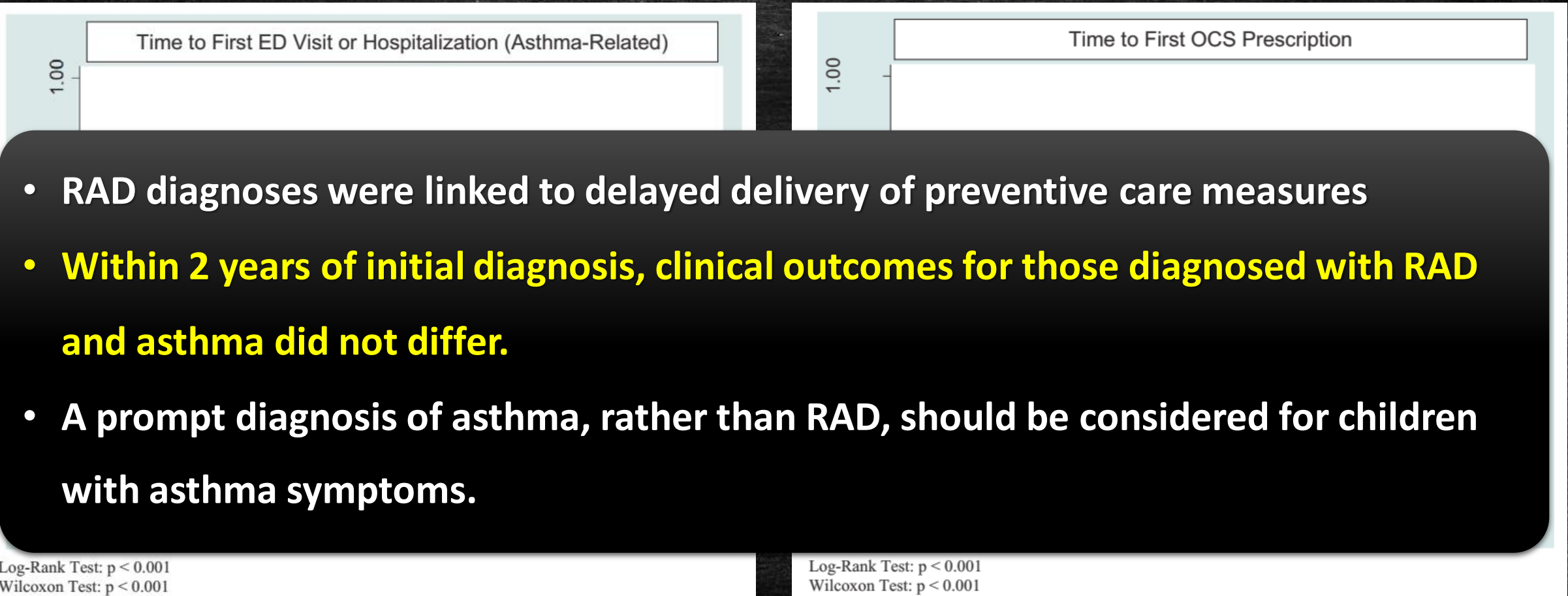


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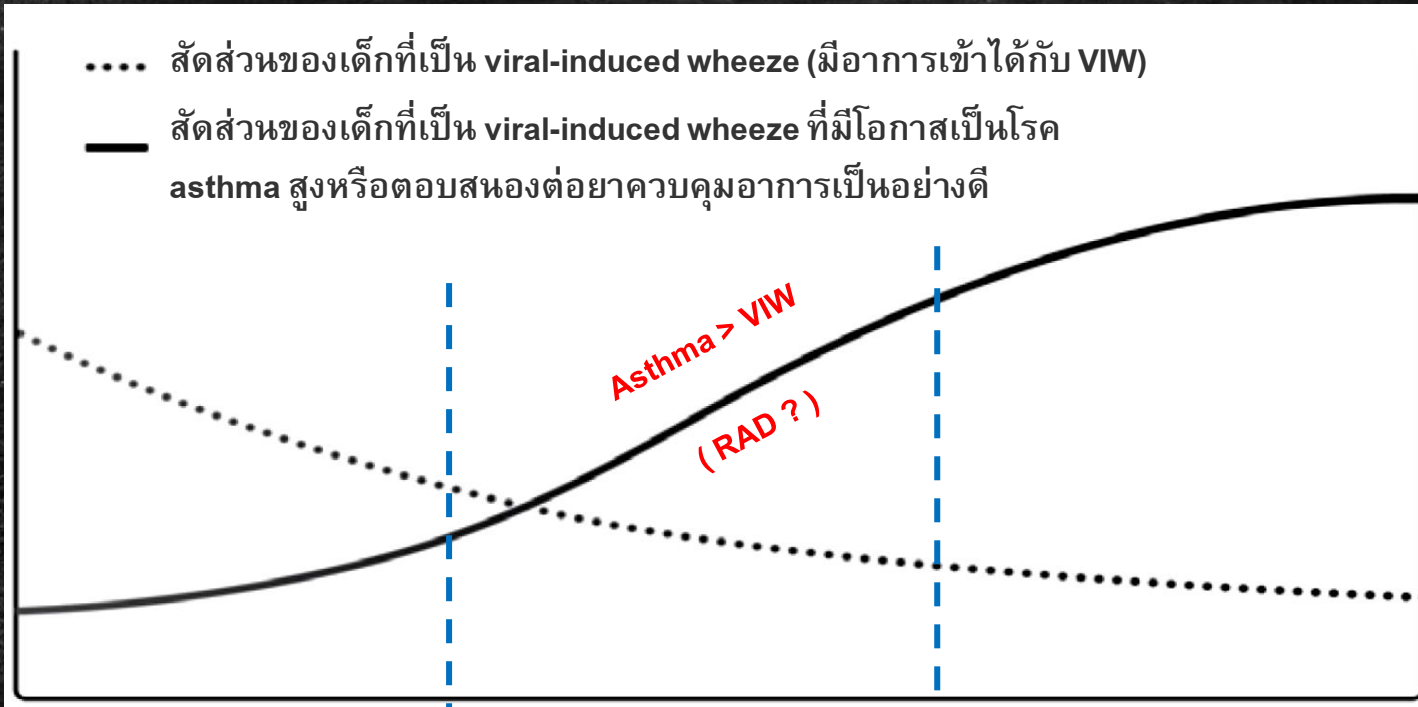
# Children with RAD: How to diagnosed Asthma in RAD

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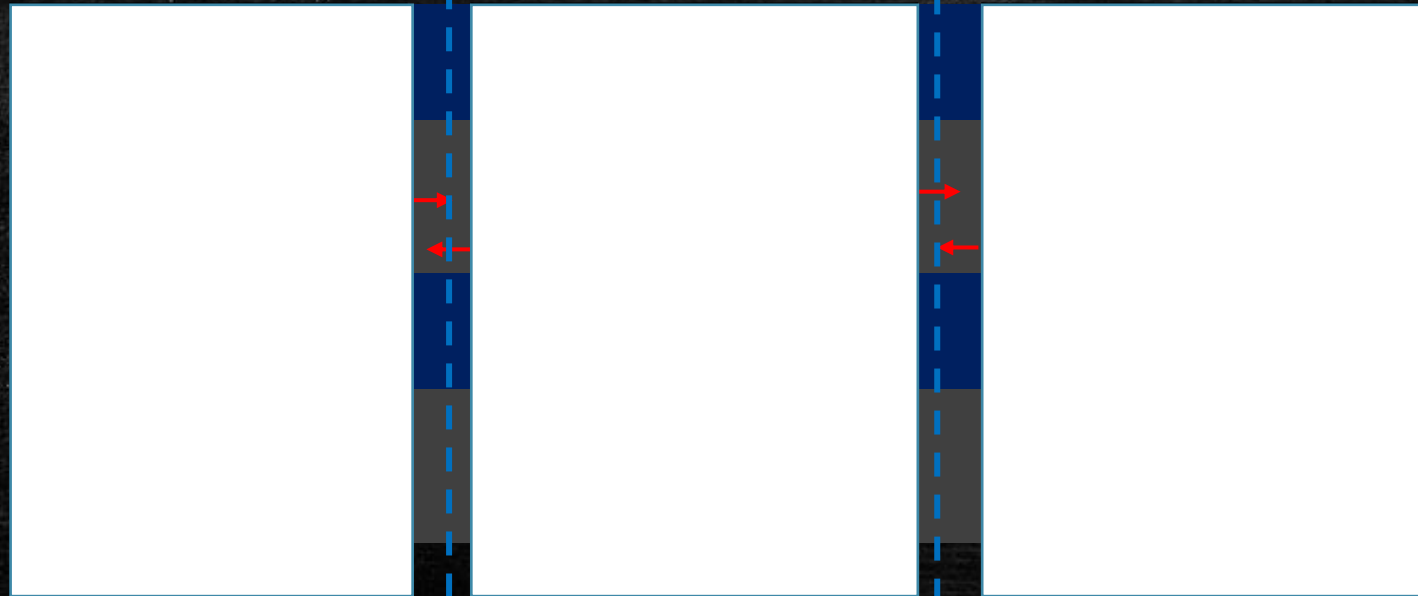
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VIW

- ..... สัดส่วนของเด็กที่เป็น viral-induced wheeze (มีอาการเข้าได้กับ VIW)
- สัดส่วนของเด็กที่เป็น viral-induced wheeze ที่มีโอกาสเป็นโรค asthma สูงหรือตอบสนองต่อยาควบคุมอาการเป็นอย่างดี



รูปแบบของอาการ  
(อาการเปลี่ยนแปลงตามเวลาได้)



100%

Asthma



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Clinical diagnosis  
of Asthma in young  
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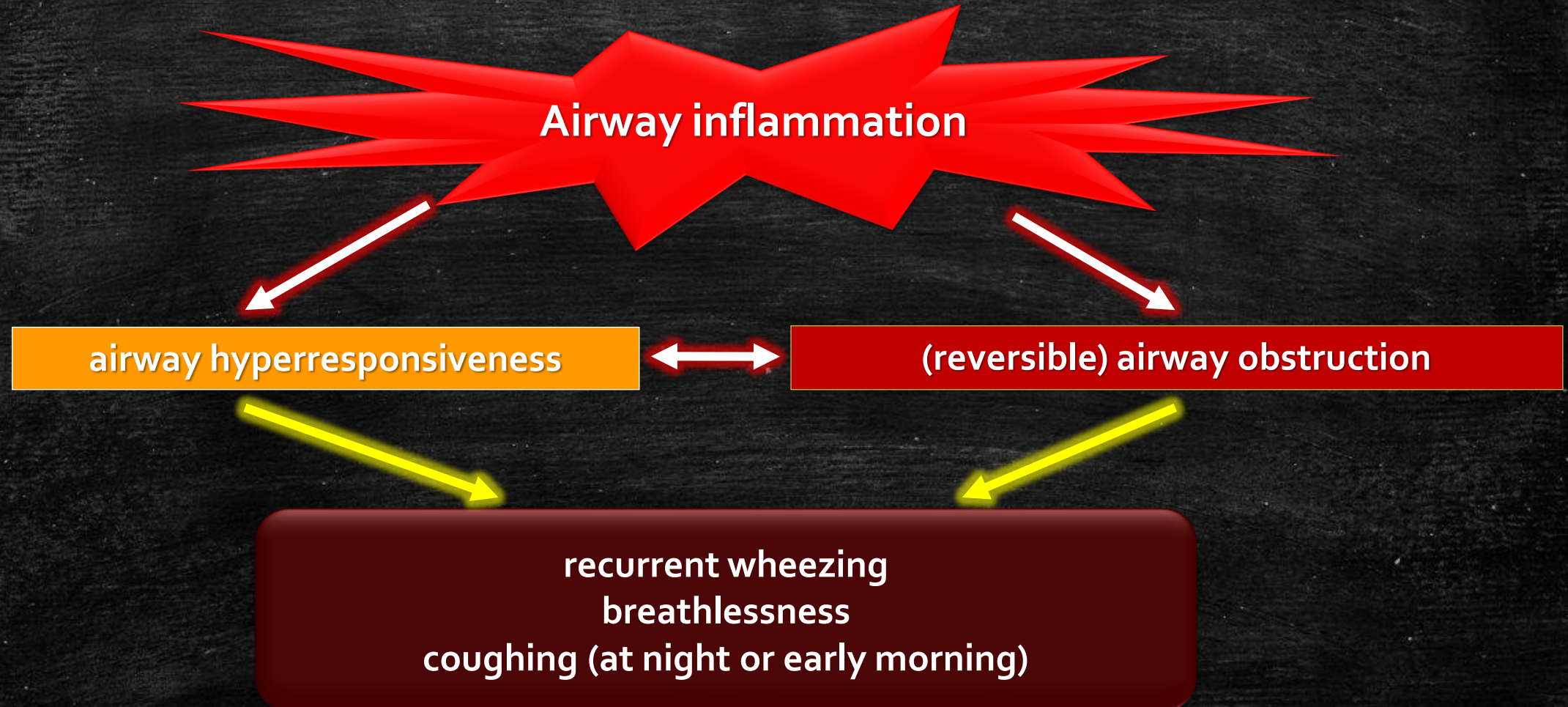


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# Pathophysiology of Asthma / Recurrent wheezing



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# RAD and Viral infection as triggers

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# RSV- and RV-induced bronchiolitis Vs recurrent wheeze: A systematic review and meta-analysis



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Healthy control      RSV-bronchiolitis

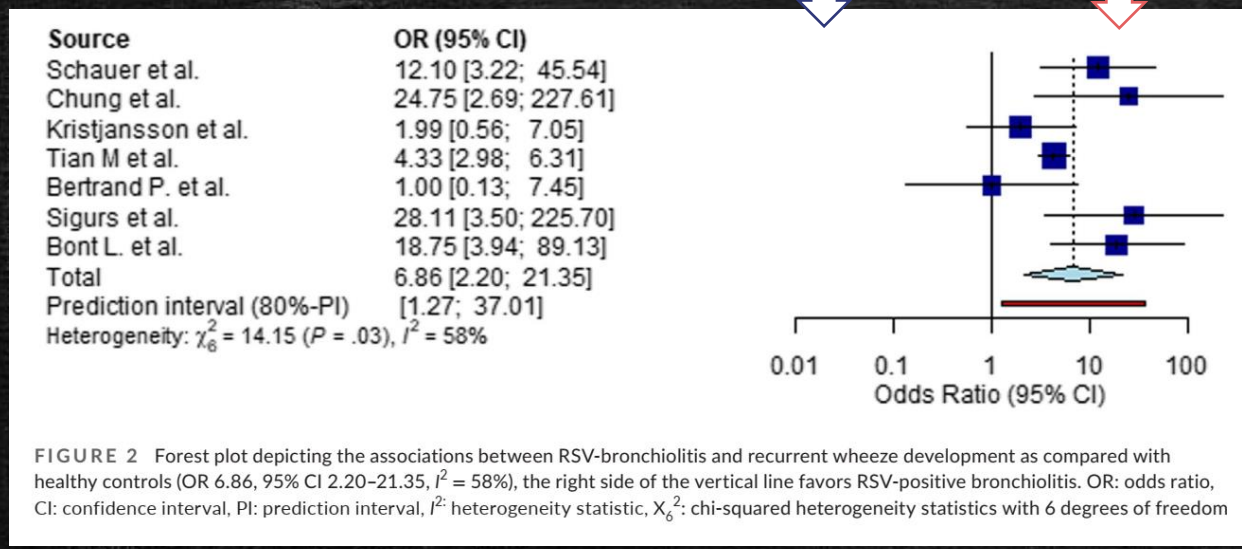


FIGURE 2 Forest plot depicting the associations between RSV-bronchiolitis and recurrent wheeze development as compared with healthy controls (OR 6.86, 95% CI 2.20–21.35,  $I^2 = 58\%$ ), the right side of the vertical line favors RSV-positive bronchiolitis. OR: odds ratio, CI: confidence interval, PI: prediction interval,  $I^2$ : heterogeneity statistic,  $\chi^2_6$ : chi-squared heterogeneity statistics with 6 degrees of freedom

RSV-bronchiolitis      RV-bronchiolitis

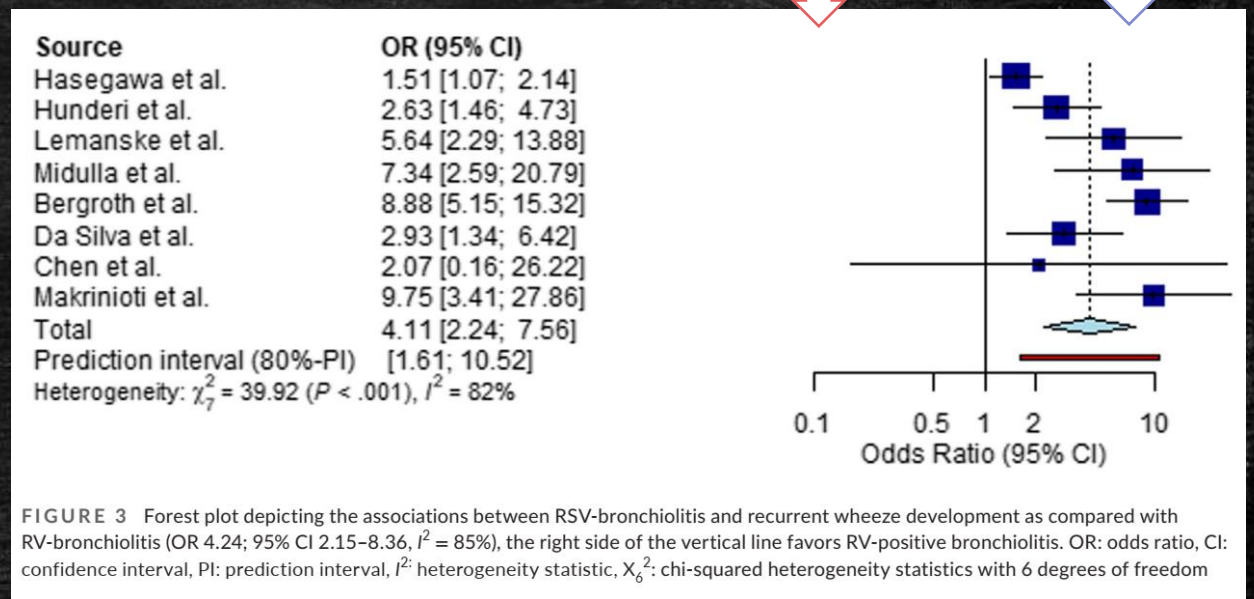
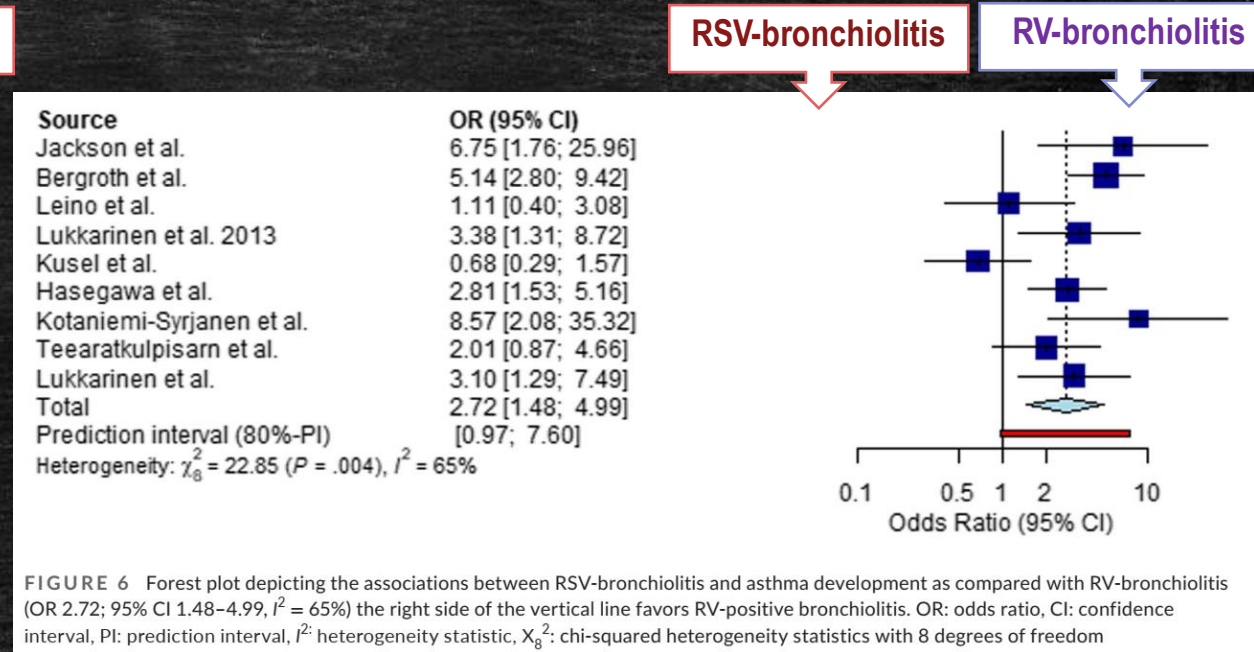
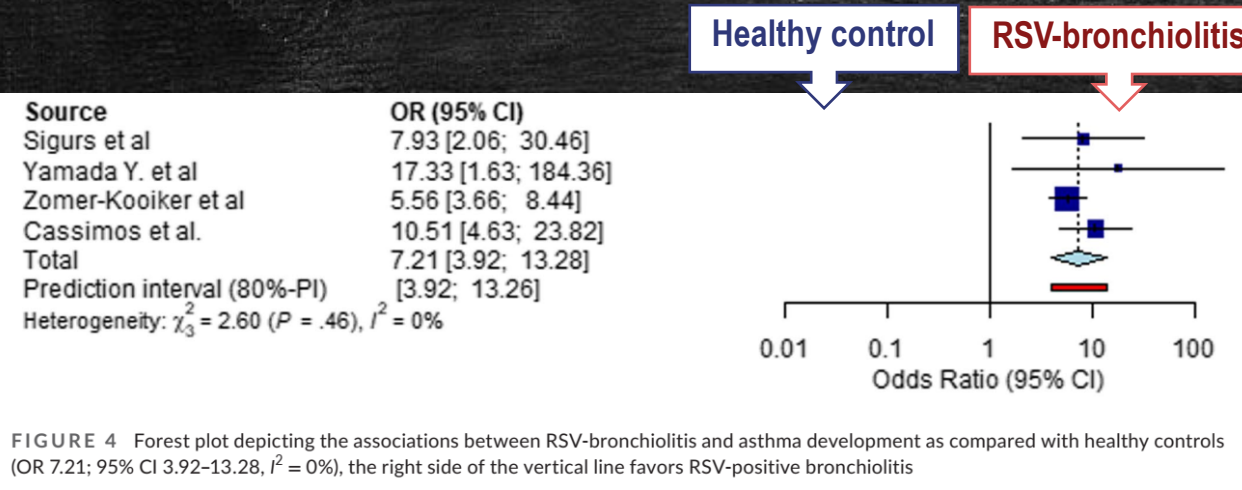


FIGURE 3 Forest plot depicting the associations between RSV-bronchiolitis and recurrent wheeze development as compared with RV-bronchiolitis (OR 4.24; 95% CI 2.15–8.36,  $I^2 = 85\%$ ), the right side of the vertical line favors RV-positive bronchiolitis. OR: odds ratio, CI: confidence interval, PI: prediction interval,  $I^2$ : heterogeneity statistic,  $\chi^2_6$ : chi-squared heterogeneity statistics with 6 degrees of freedom

- Infant RV-bronchiolitis group were more likely to develop **recurrent wheeze** than RSV-bronchiolitis group
- **OR 4.11 (95% CI 2.24–7.56)**

# RSV- and RV-induced bronchiolitis Vs asthma: A systematic review and meta-analysis



- Infant RV-bronchiolitis group were more likely to develop **asthma** than RSV-bronchiolitis group
- **OR 2.72 (95% CI 1.48-4.99)**

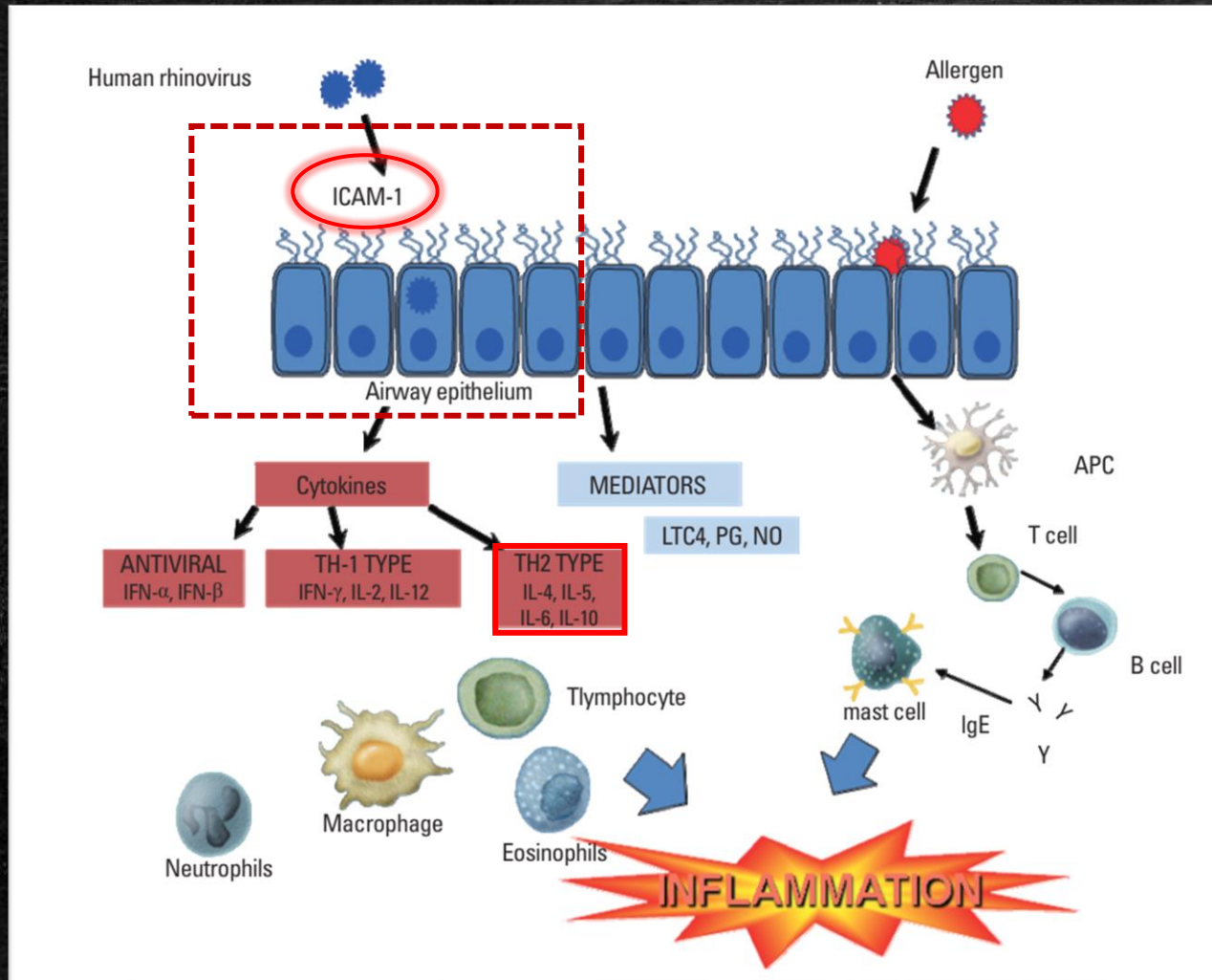


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# How does rhinovirus induce airway hyper-responsiveness?

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# Mechanisms of rhinovirus-induced airway inflammation.

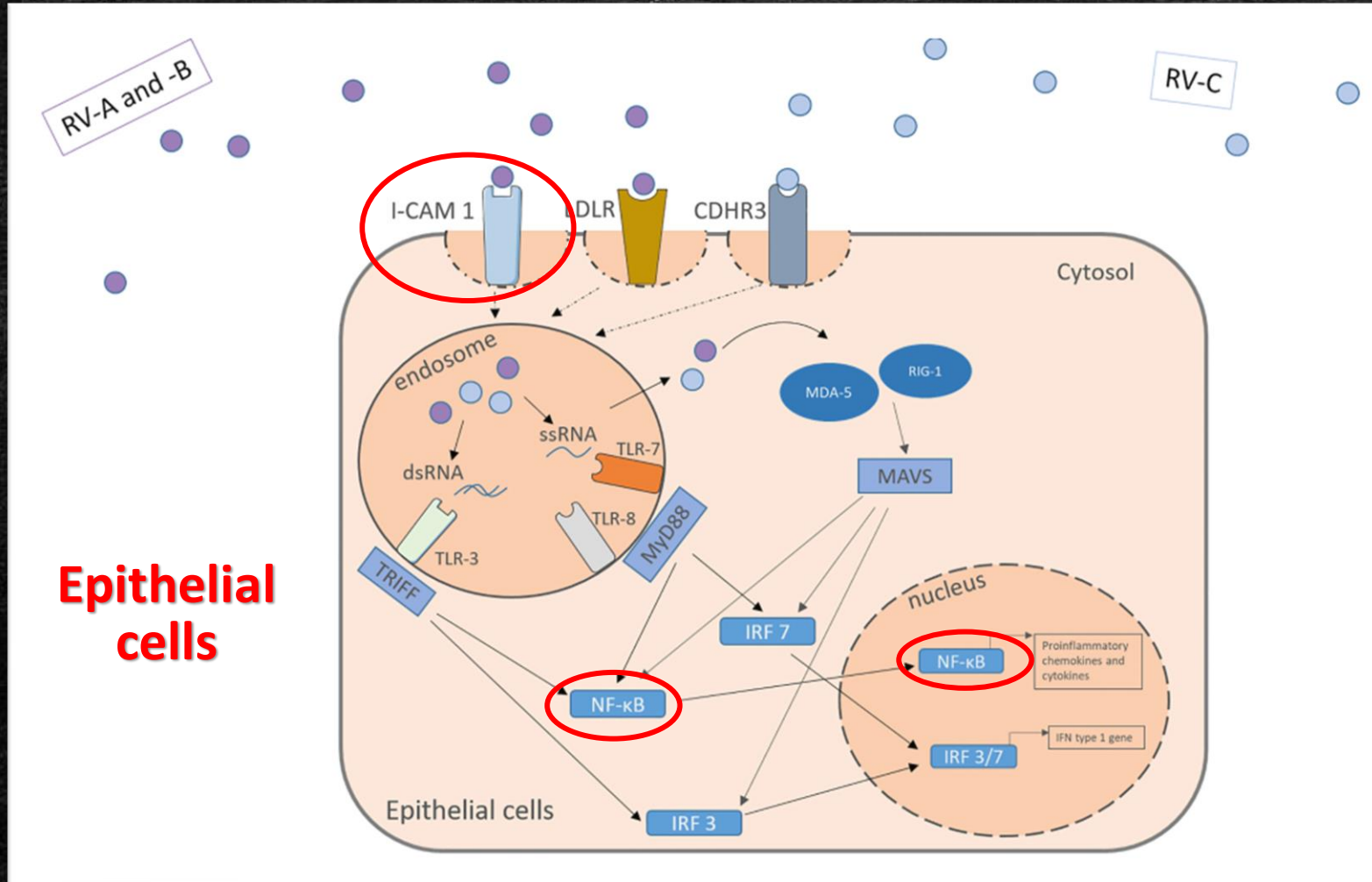


## Rhinovirus

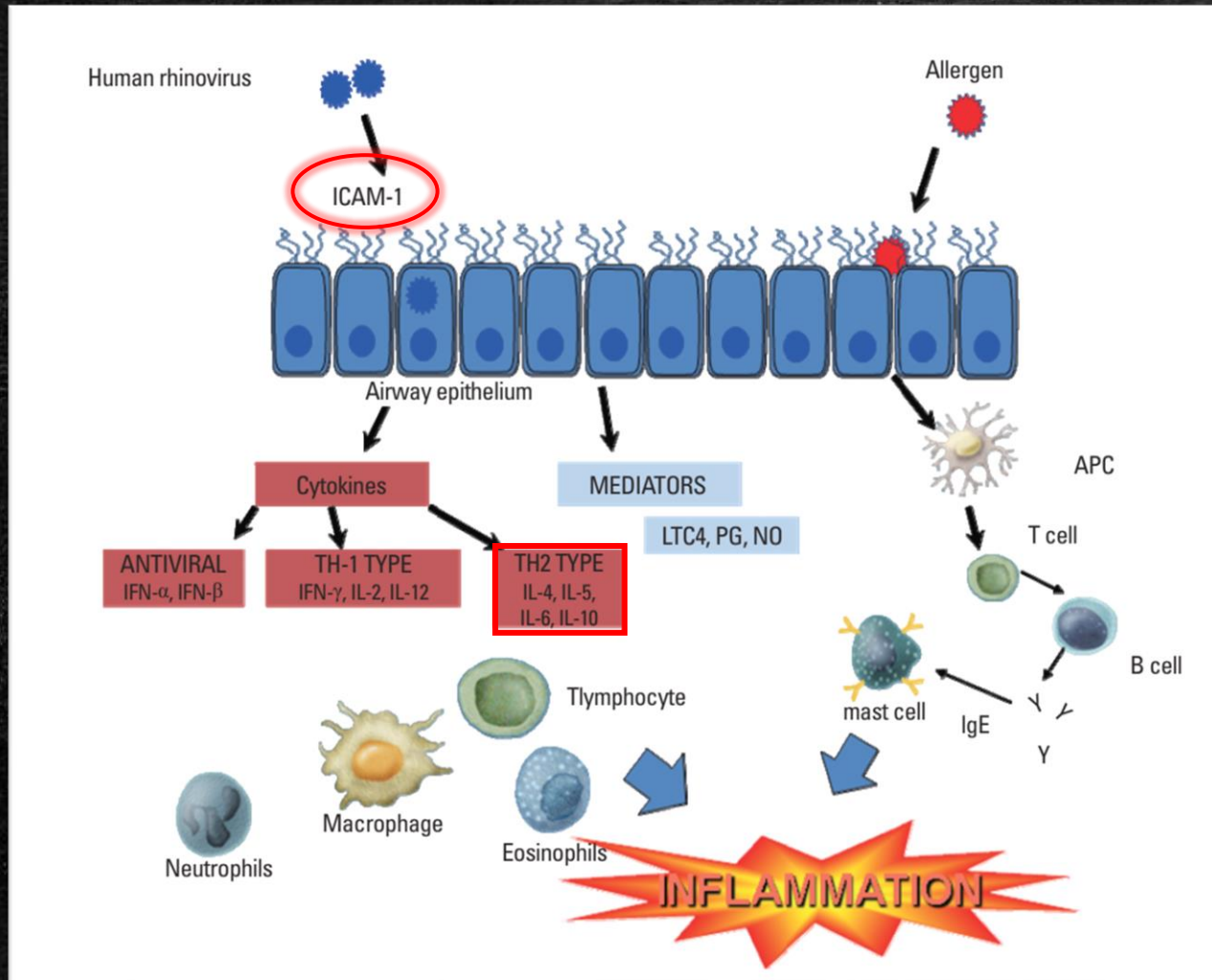
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- Mucous hypersecretion
- SM contraction → wheezing



# Mechanism of RV infection



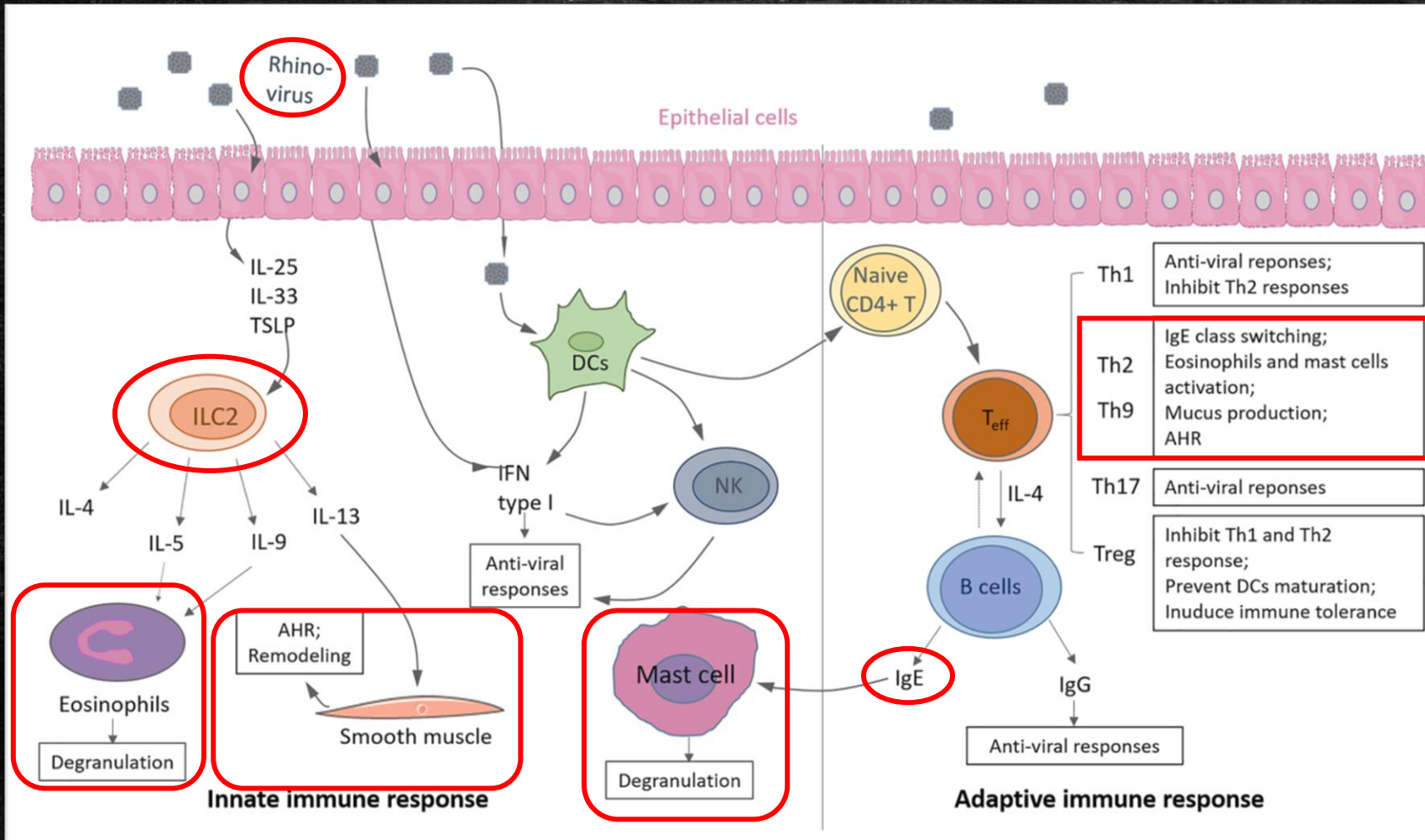
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# Immune response to Rhinovirus in Asthma





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# The role of bronchodilator in RV infection: What is the evidences?

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# Procaterol inhibits rhinovirus infection in primary cultures of human tracheal epithelial cells

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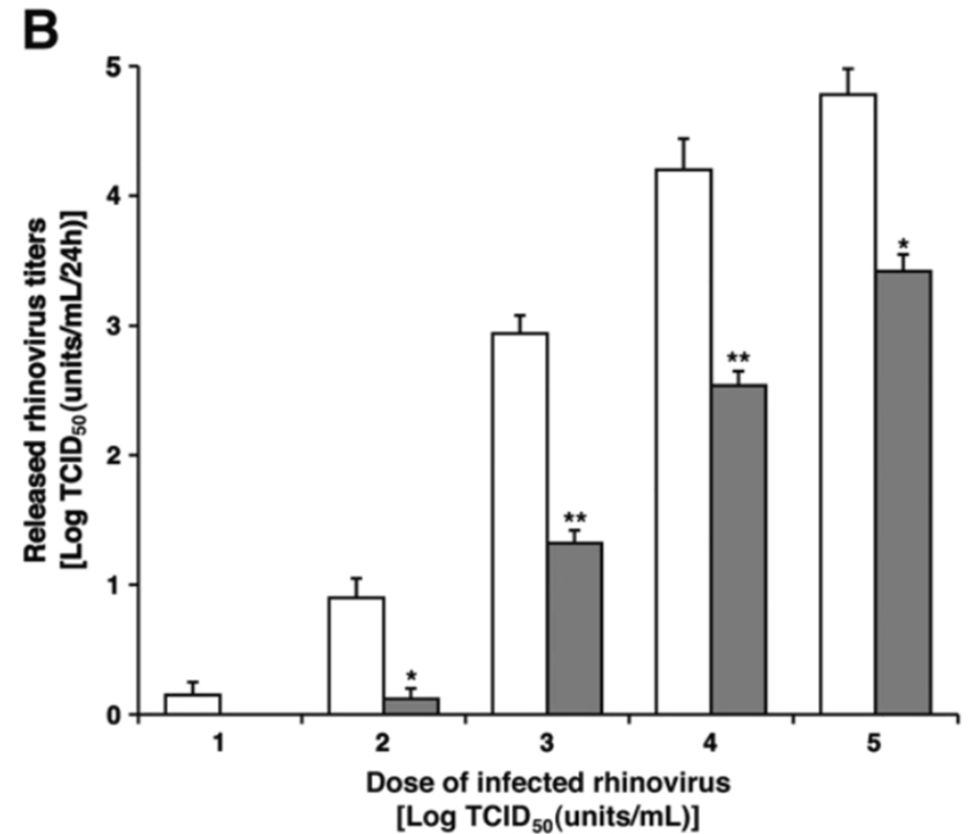
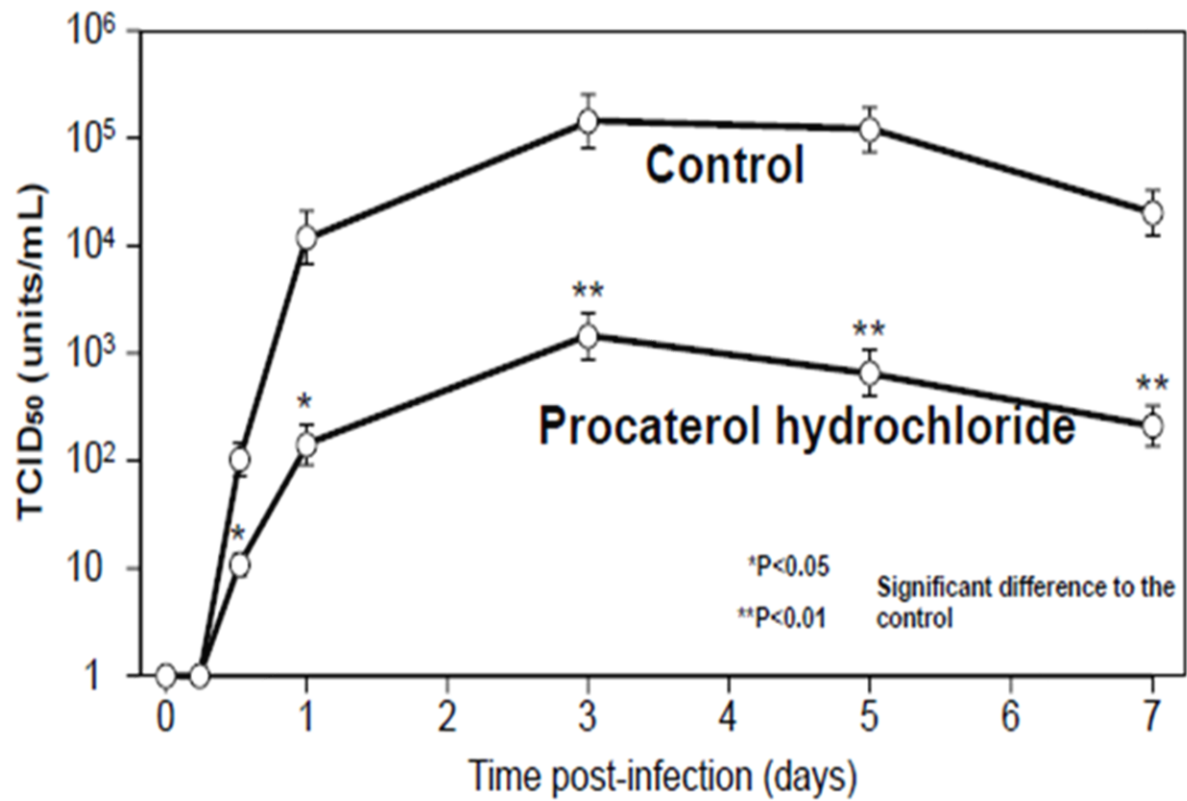
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- Human tracheal epithelial cell culture (human embryonic fibroblast cells)
  - Obtained from 41 patients (73±3 yr; 15 F, 26 M) without asthma
- Study intervention – pretreat with study medication for 3 days
  - Procaterol hydrochloride 0.1 μM
  - Vehicle
  - Selective β<sub>2</sub>-adrenergic receptor antagonist (ICI 118551) 10 min before procaterol 0.1 μM
- Infected with Type 14 rhinovirus → cultured at 33°C in 5% CO<sub>2</sub>–95% air for 7 days
- Outcome:
  - The quantification of rhinovirus RNA (detected cDNA with Quiagen kit and real-time PCR)
  - Measurement of ICAM-1 expression
  - Measurement of changes in acidic endosomes
  - NF-kappa B assay
  - Cyclic AMP assay

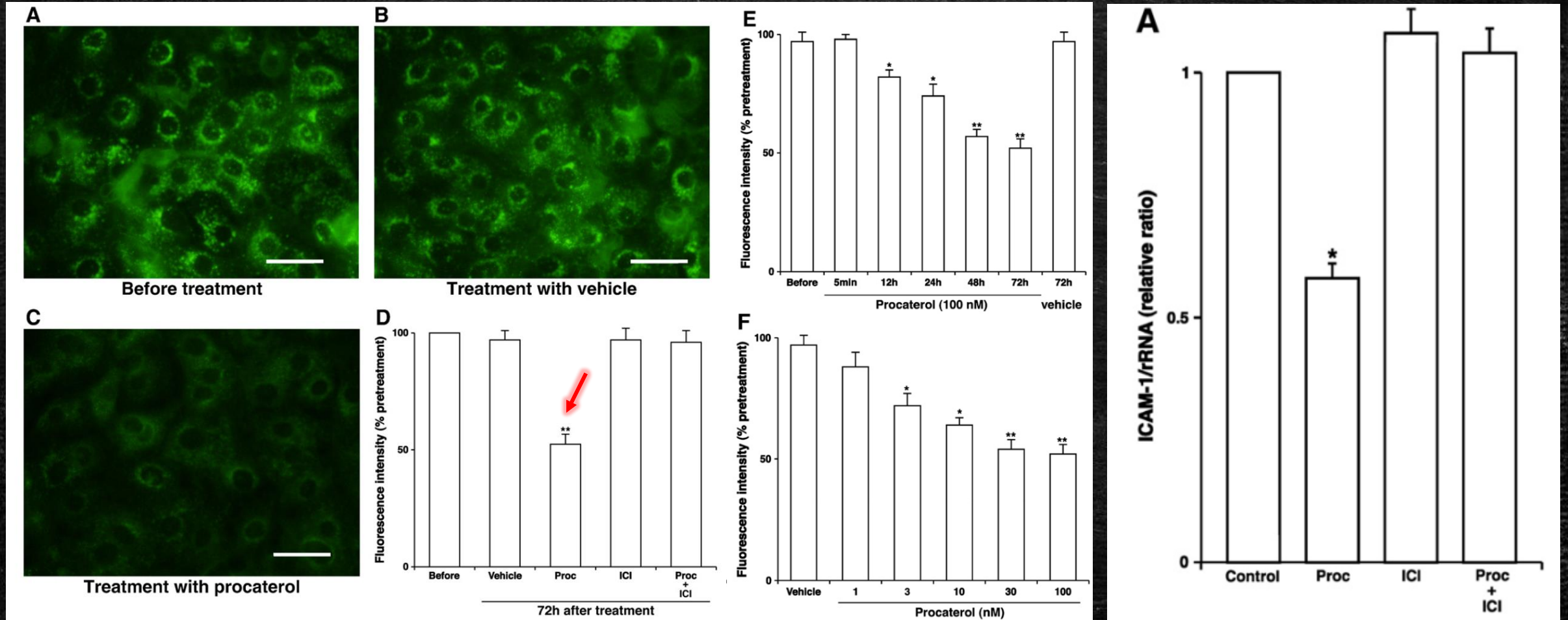
# Effects of procaterol on RV and the acidification of RV endosomes



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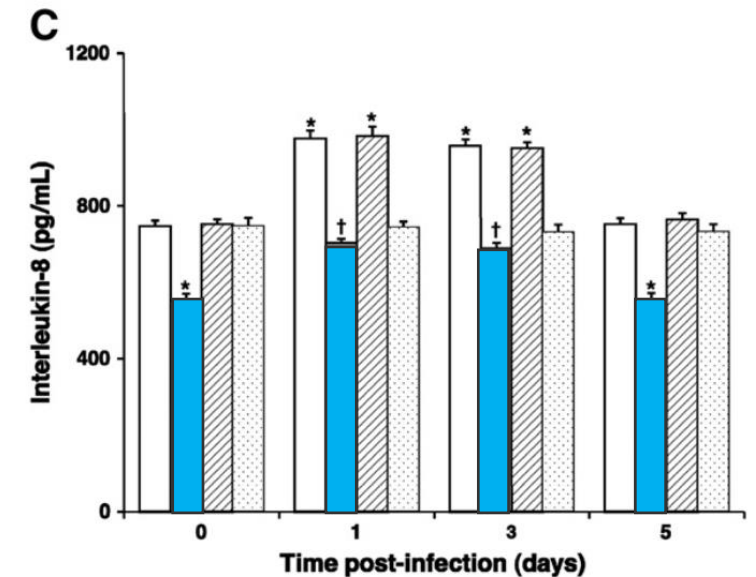
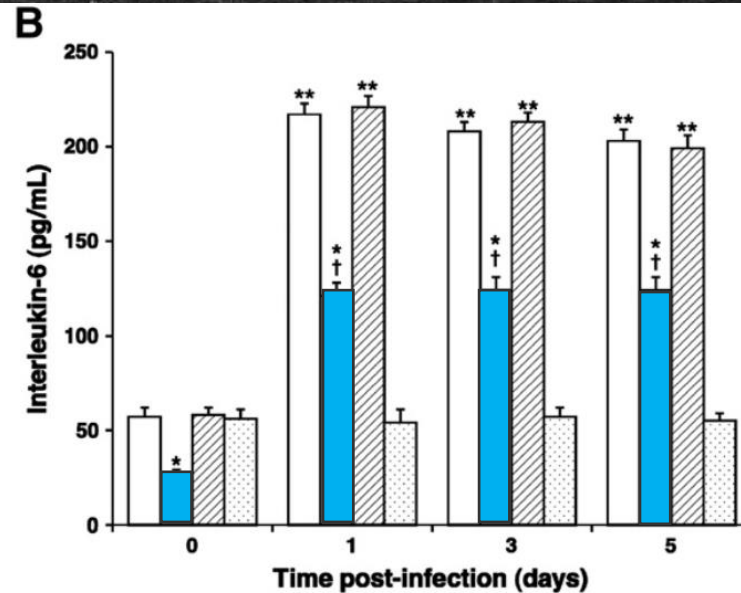
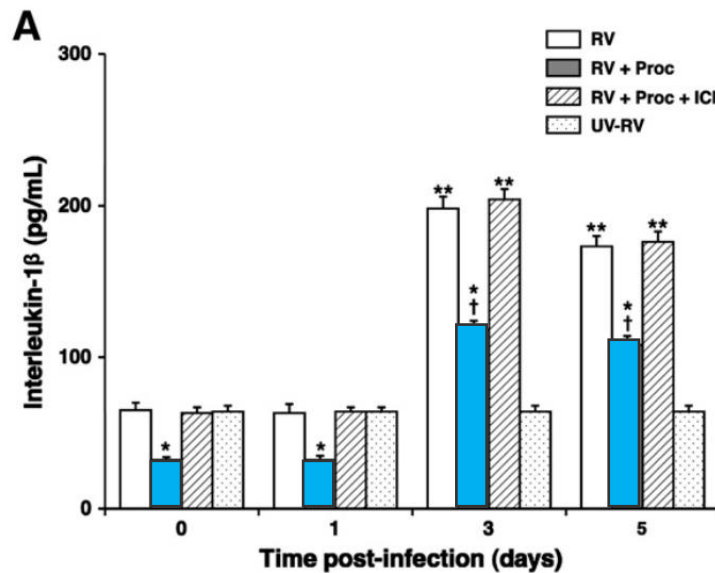
# Effects of procaterol on the acidification of RV endosomes and ICAM-1 expression



# Effects of procaterol on cytokine production with RV infection



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Procaterol reduced the type 14 rhinovirus infection-induced secretion of inflammatory cytokines (IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-6, and IL-8).



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## What the study found on the efficacy of procaterol!!!

- Reduced the expression of ICAM-1 (the receptor for type 14 rhinovirus).
- Reduced the number of acidic endosomes in the cells (where RV RNA enters into the cytoplasm).
- Inhibited the activation of NF-κB proteins including p50 and p65 in the nuclear extracts.
- Increased the cytosolic amount of the inhibitory kappa B-α and cAMP levels.
- Reduced RV infection-induced secretion inflammatory cytokines (IL-1β, IL-6, and IL-8).



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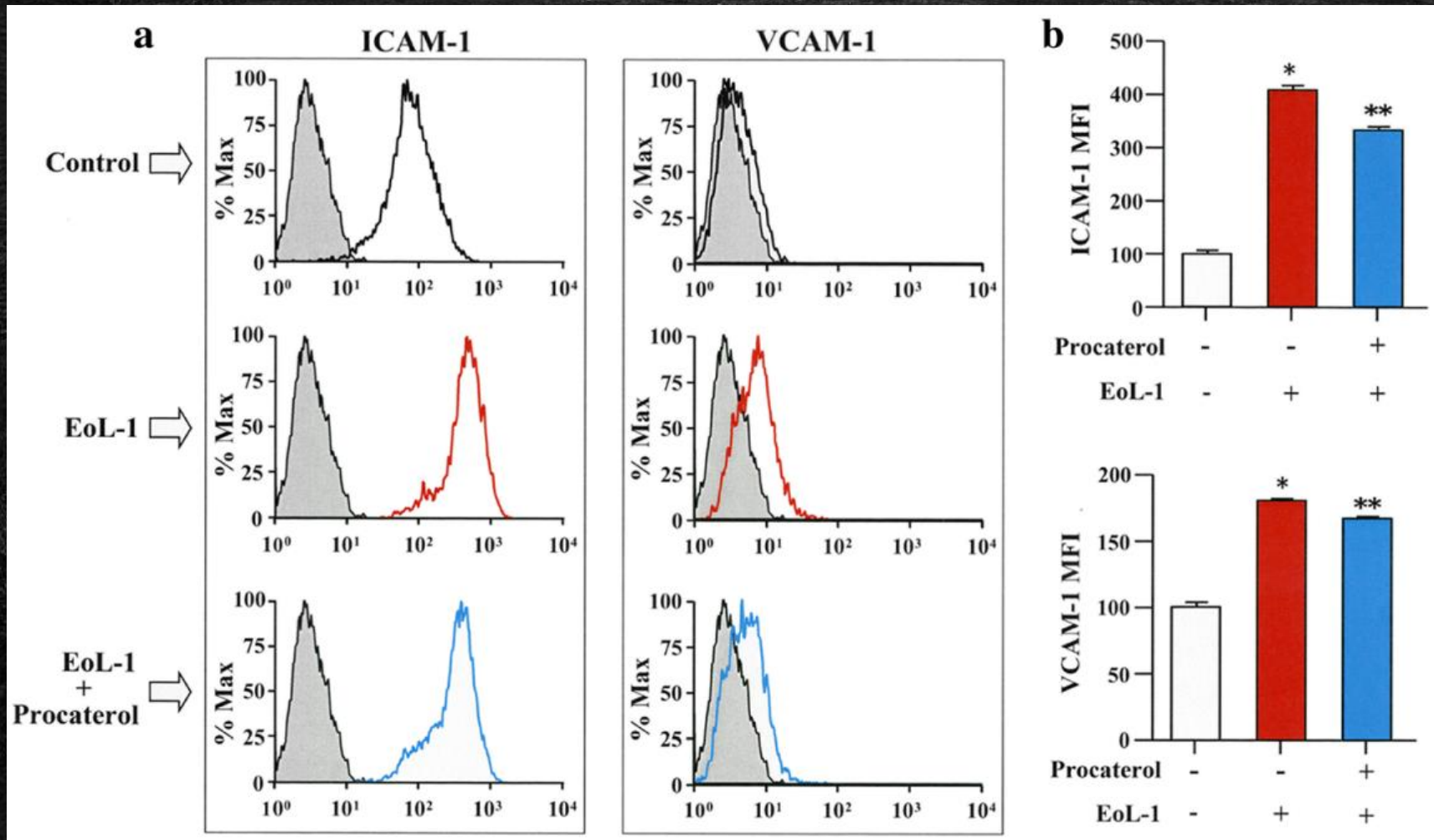
# **Airway inflammation in RAD:** **Role of Bronchodilators**

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# $\beta_2$ adrenergic agonist : Suppresses eosinophil-induced EMT of bronchial epithelial cells



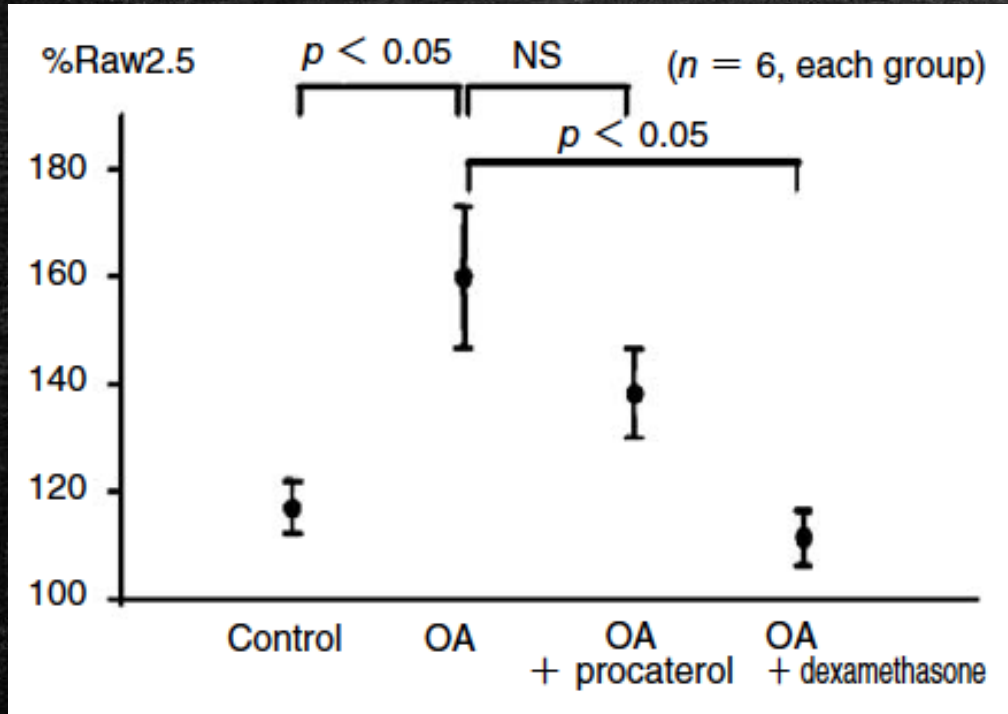
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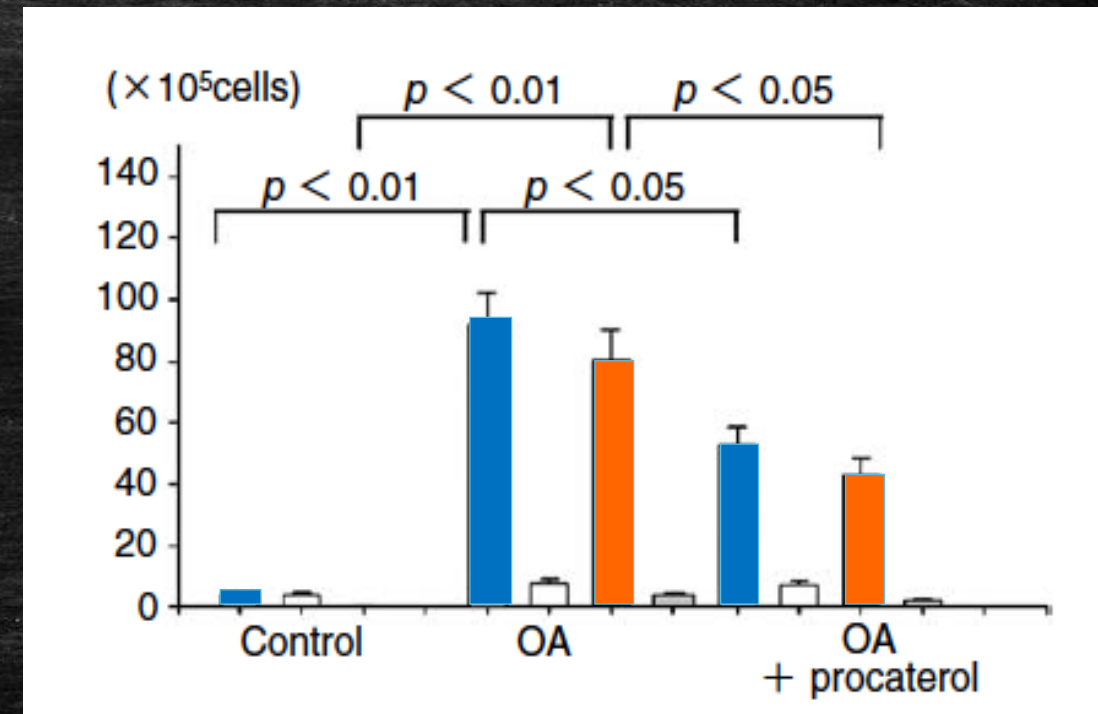
# Effect of Procaterol on airway inflammation and hyperresponsiveness



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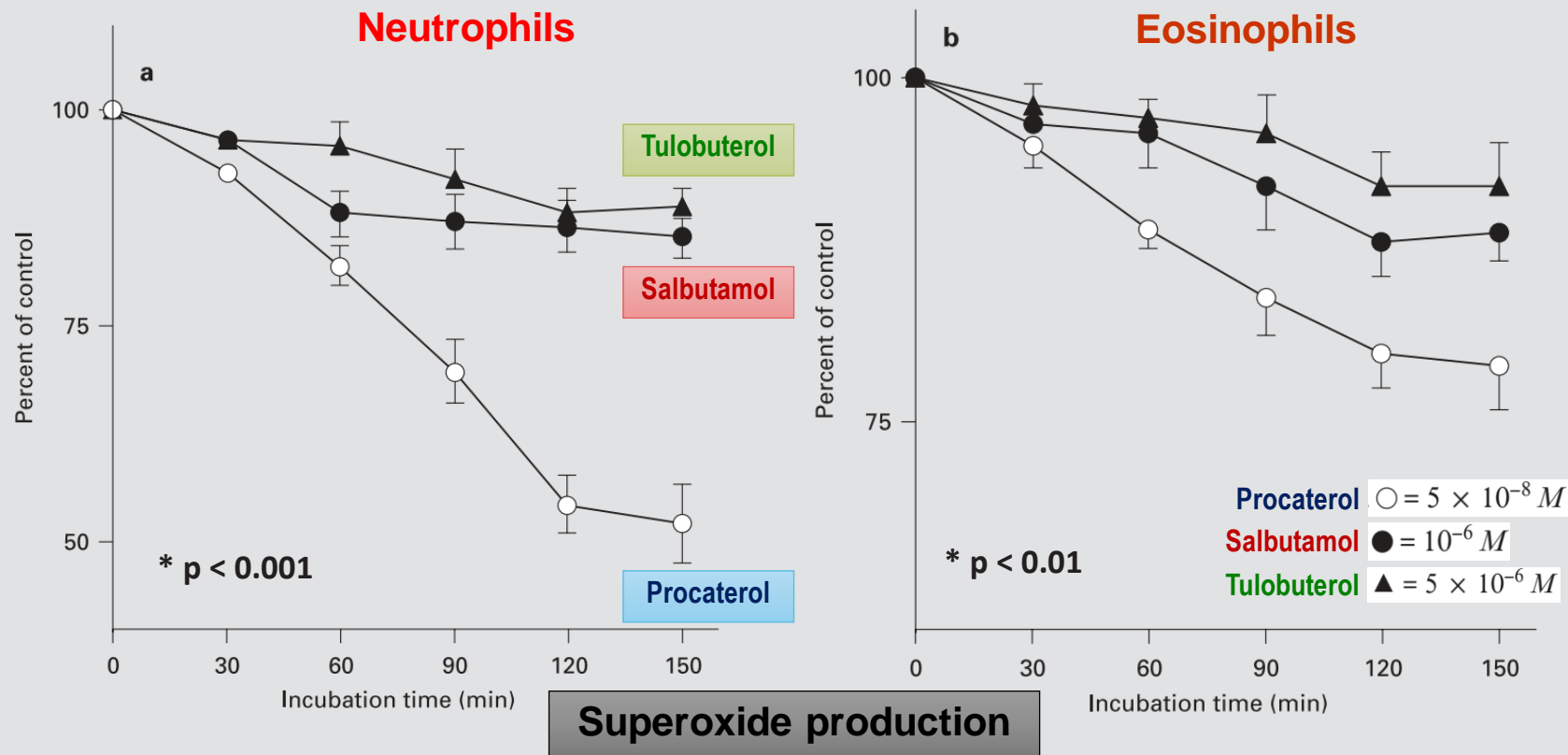
Airway resistant



BAL fluid

■ Eosinophil  
■ Total cell

# $\beta_2$ -agonists: Comparative inhibitory effects of superoxide anion ( $O_2^-$ ) production (In vitro)



The suppressive effect of superoxide production

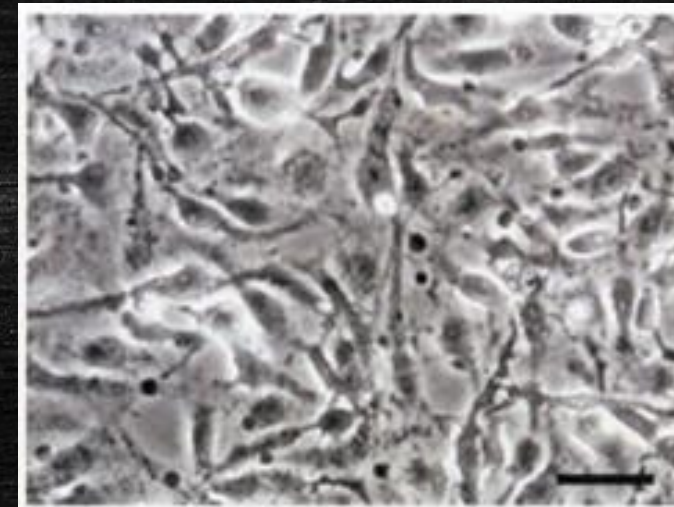
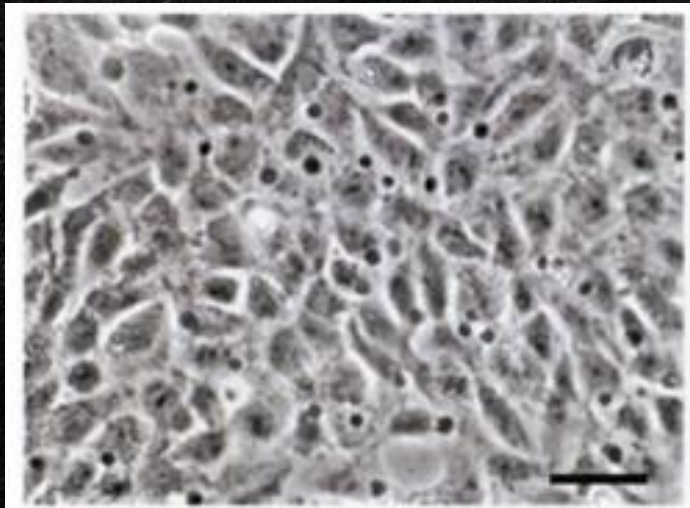
- Procaterol  $\gg$  Salbutamol  $>$  Tulobuterol
- Neutrophils  $\gg$  Eosinophils

# Airway remodeling: Effect of eosinophils



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- Epithelial-mesenchymal transition (EMT)
  - Mechanism that increased number of myofibroblasts → AW remodeling
- Eosinophils contact with bronchial epithelial cells → induced AW remodeling
  - Increases TGF- $\beta_1$  → promote EMT

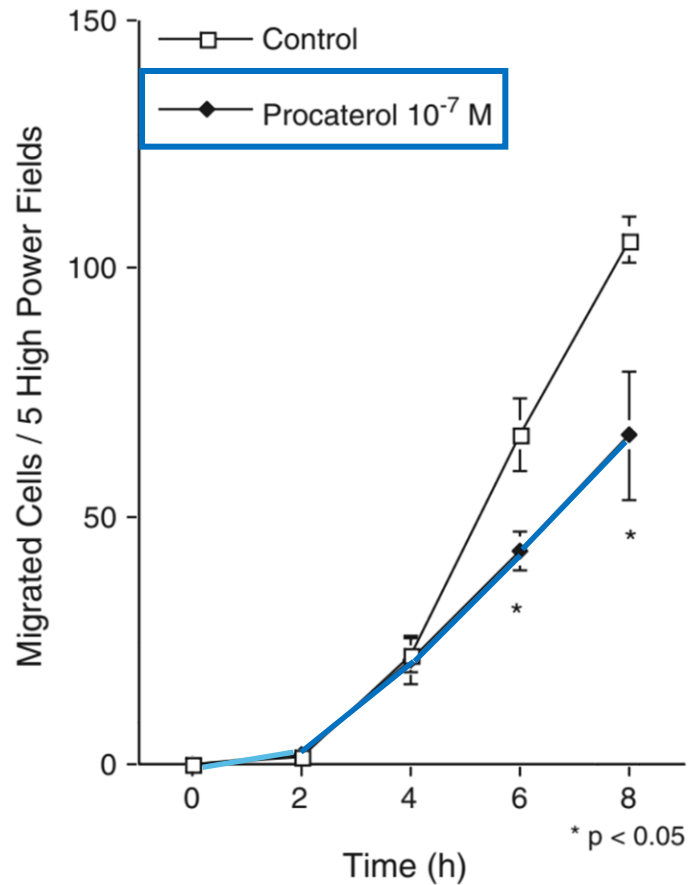


# Procaterol Inhibits Lung Fibroblast Migration

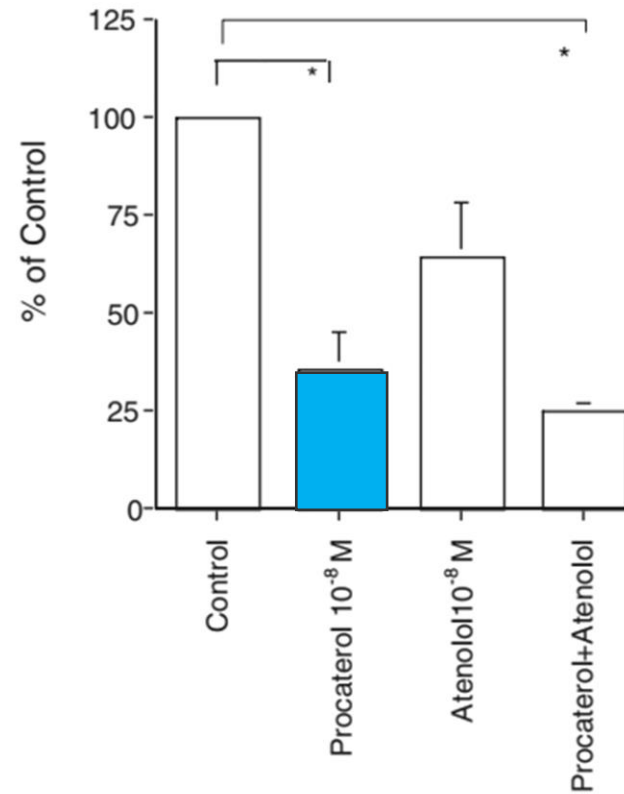
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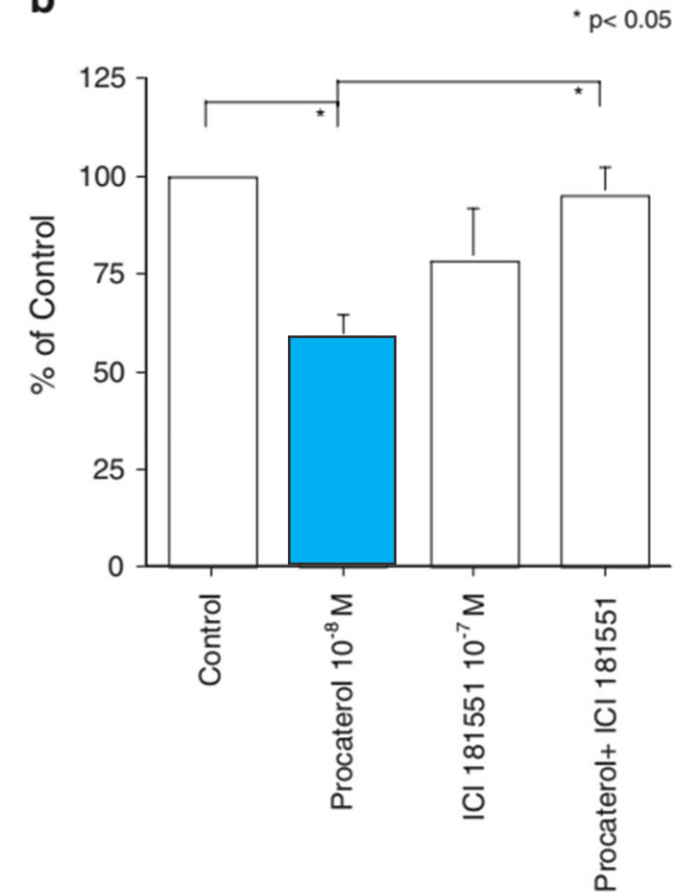
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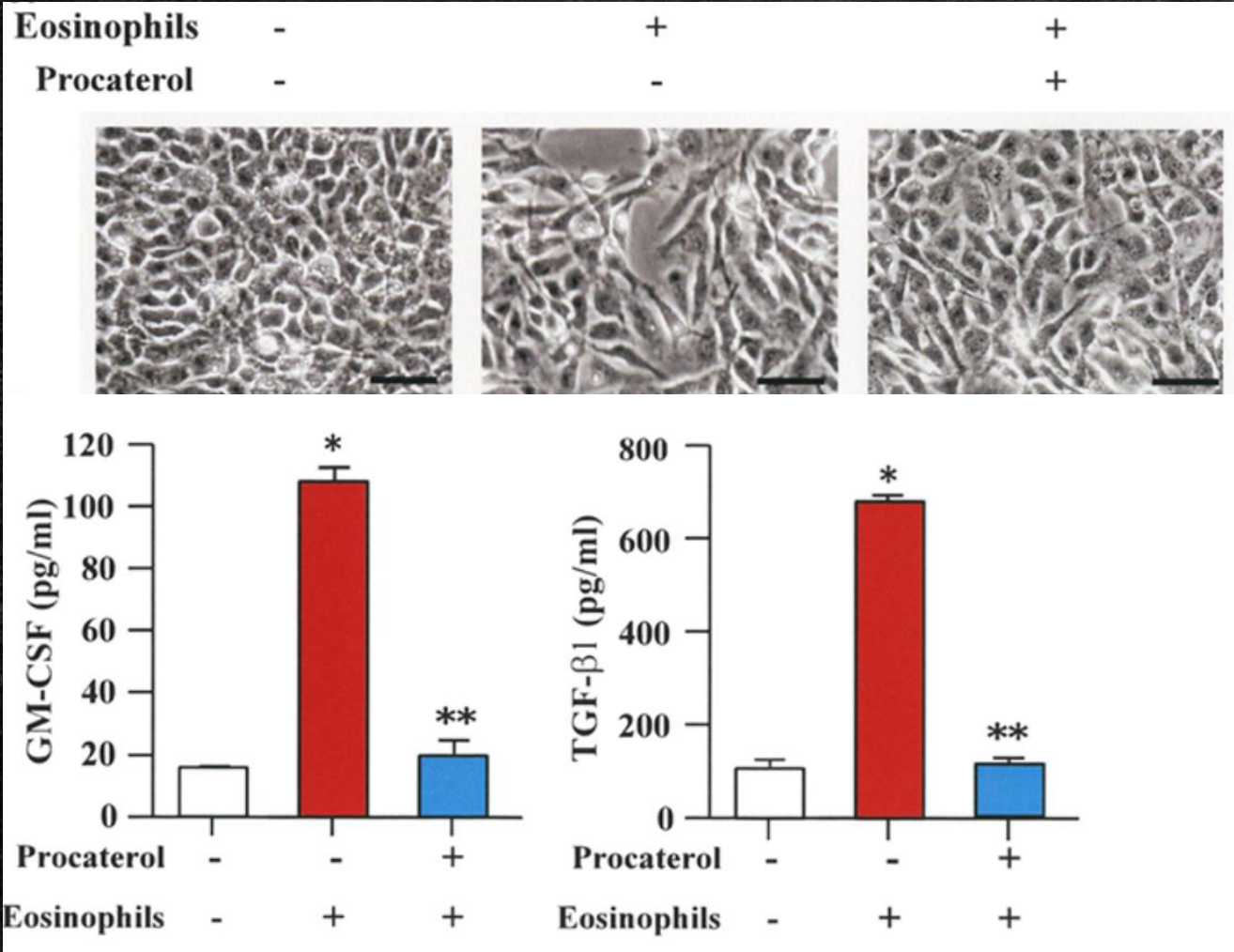
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# $\beta_2$ adrenergic agonist : Suppresses eosinophil-induced EMT of bronchial epithelial cells



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## Bronchial epithelial cells

- From Riken Cell Bank (Tsukuba, Japan)
- Incubated with human eosinophils 24 hr.
- Pre-treated with procaterol for 1 hr.

## Outcome

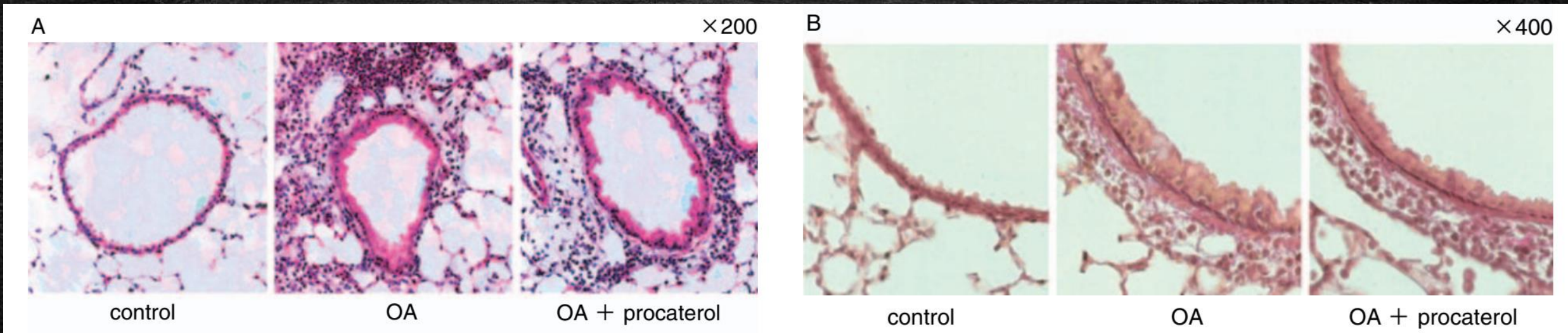
- TGF- $\beta_1$  and GM-CSF level
- The expression of adhesion molecules (ICAM-1 and VCAM-1)
- fibroblast-like morphology



# Airway Inflammation Vs Airway remodeling: Effect of procaterol



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Decreased infiltration of eosinophils in the submucosal area in procaterol-treated Mice.

Reduced subepithelial fibrosis (represents airway remodeling), after procaterol treatment.



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# **RAD and Wheezing with Cough:** **Evidences of Bronchodilators**

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# Treatment of wheezing: Procaterol VS Albuterol



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## A comparison of oral procaterol and albuterol in reversible airflow obstruction

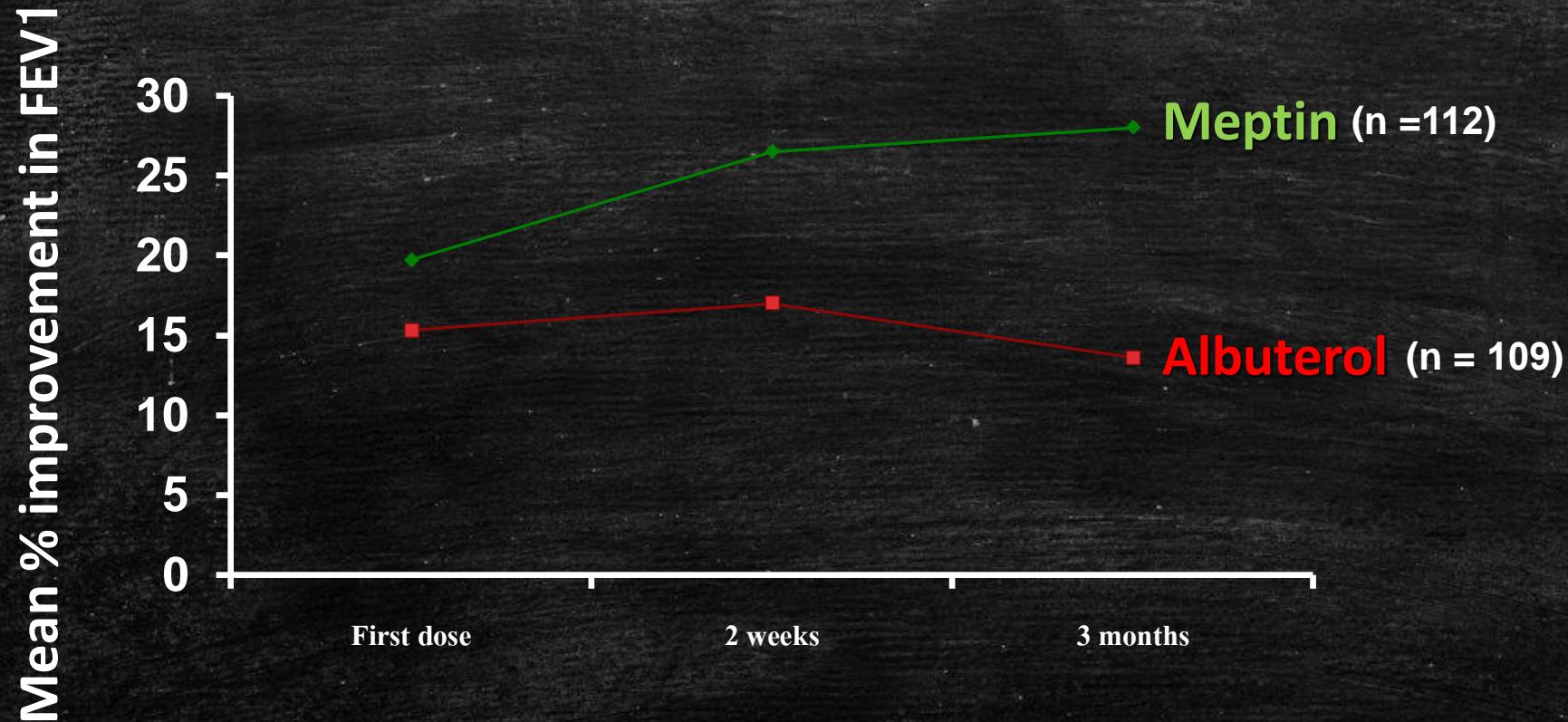
T L Petty<sup>1</sup>, M L Brandon, W W Busse, P Chervinsky, W Schoenweter, A Beaupre, L P Boulet, J Mazza

- Multicenter, randomized, double-blind study
- N = 223 patients (mild to moderate, reversible bronchial airway obstruction)
- Duration: 12 weeks
- Intervention:
  - Procaterol 0.05 mg bid for 2 wk followed by 0.10 mg bid for 10 wk (N = 112)
  - Albuterol 2 mg tid for 2 wk followed by 4 mg tid for 10 wk (N = 109)
- Outcome: Spirometry at 2 wk, 2 months, and 3 months of treatment

# A Comparison of Oral Procaterol and Albuterol: FEV1 after treatment



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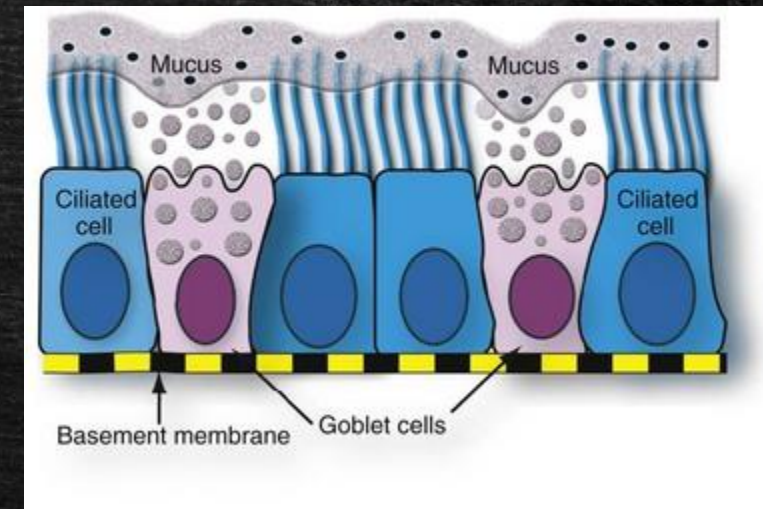
# $\beta$ -adrenergic agonists: Effect on mucociliary clearance



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## The mucociliary clearance apparatus

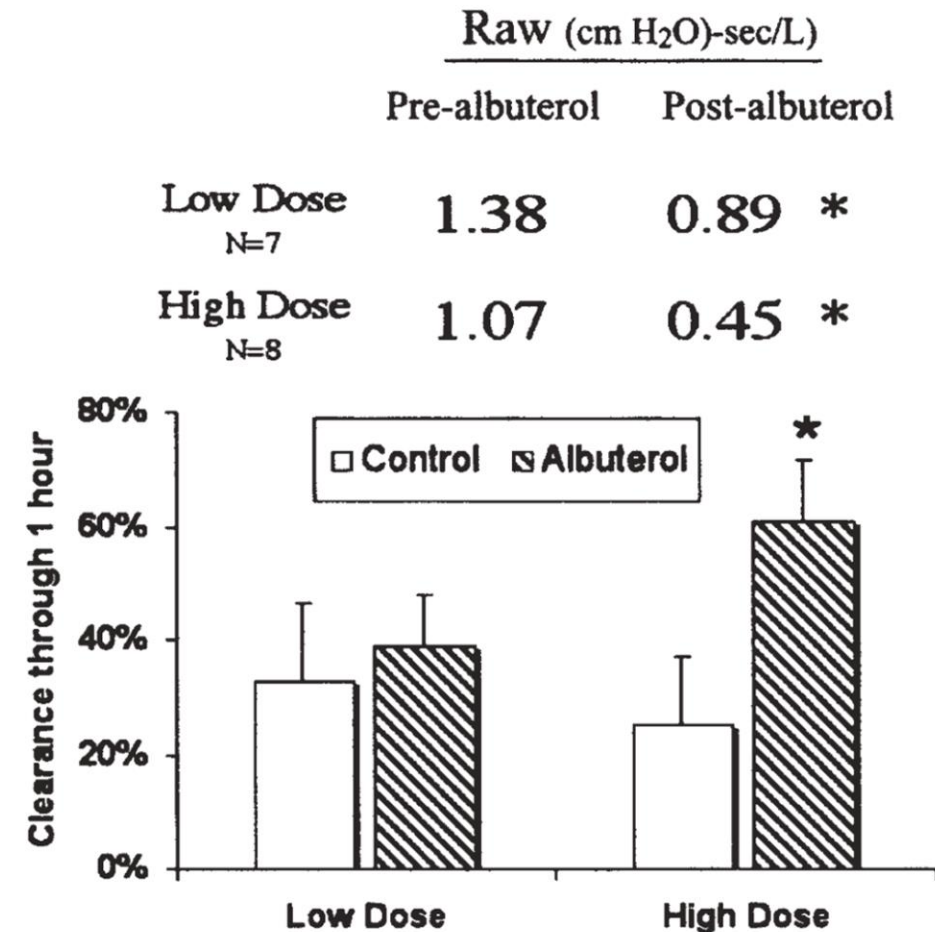
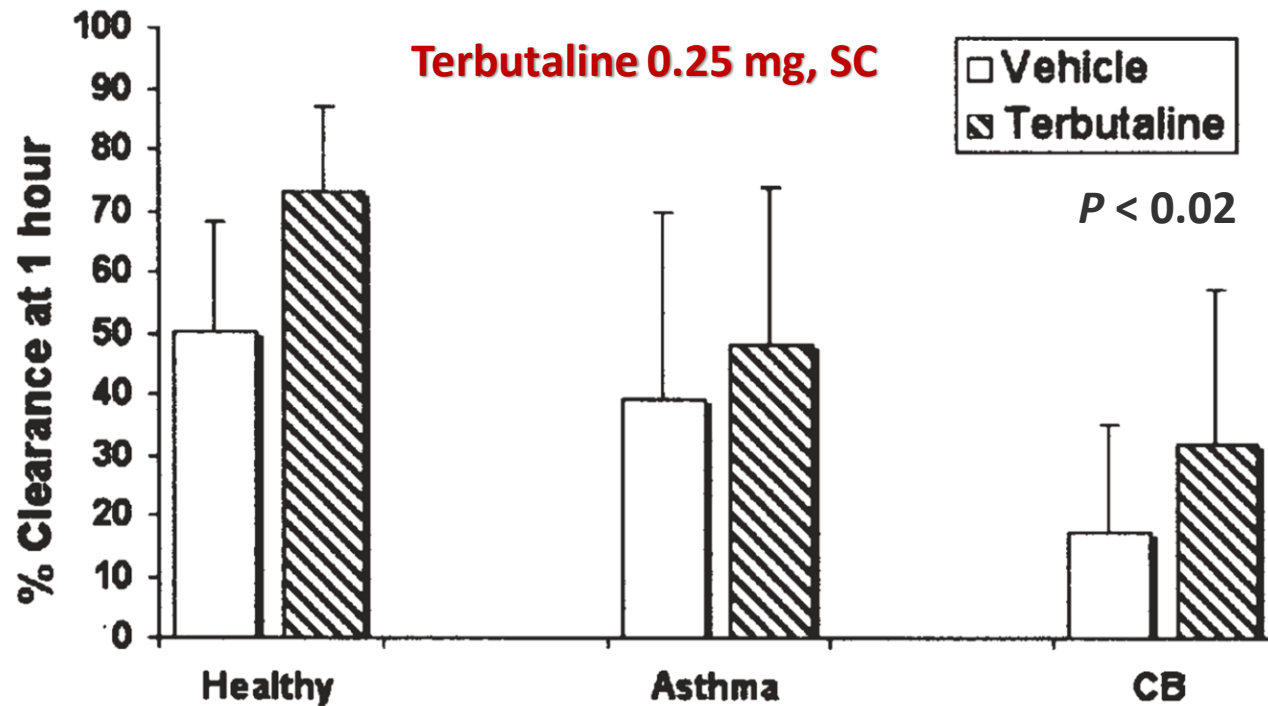
- Well-coordinated system  $\rightarrow$  clearing the lung of bacteria and foreign particulate matter
  - Airway secretory cells:** produce a sol and gel (mucus) fluid layer on the airway surface
  - Ciliated cells:** propel the mucus out of the lung towards the mouth
- Measured by following the rate of egress of deposited, radiolabeled markers by gamma camera



## Short acting $\beta$ -adrenergic agonists

- Enhance mucociliary clearance rates in various lung diseases (eg, asthma, chronic bronchitis, and cystic fibrosis)

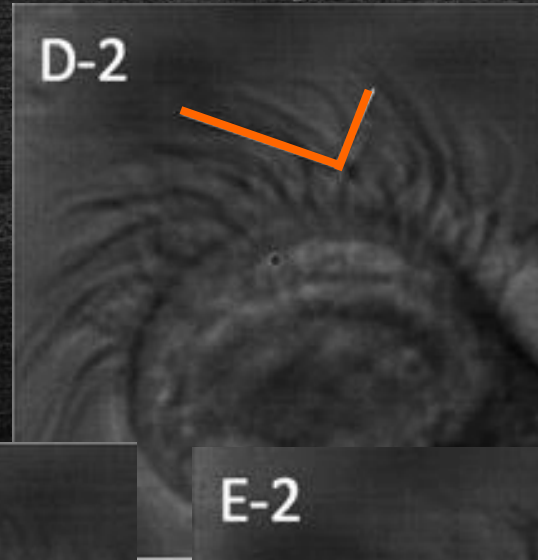
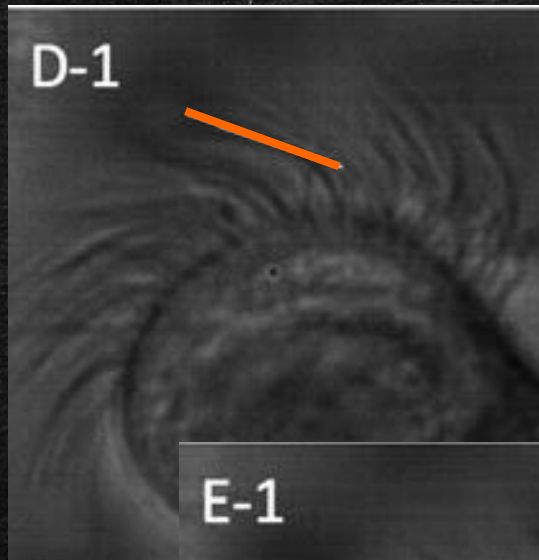
# $\beta$ -adrenergic agonists: Effect on mucociliary clearance



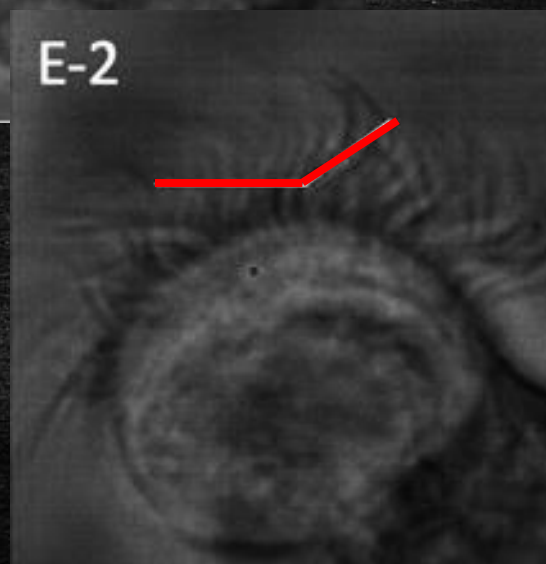
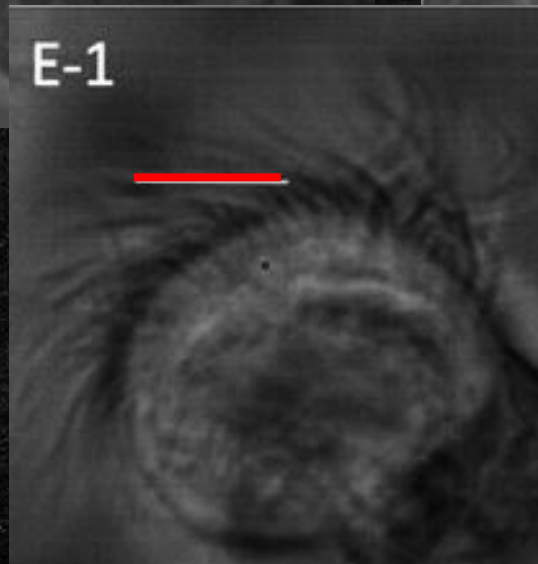
# Effect of Procaterol: Mucociliary clearance



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Control



**Procaterol** on ciliary transport rate  
(increased ciliary bend amplitude)

- 10 pM - **increased 37%**
- 10 nM - **increased 70%**

Procaterol NB

## Original Article

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### Case-control study of treatment in 86 children (aged $3.10 \pm 0.51$ yo) with pneumonia for 10 days

- Group A: routine pediatric pneumonia treatment
- Group B: routine pediatric pneumonia treatment + ambroxol hydrochloride with procaterol hydrochloride
- Routine pediatric pneumonia treatment = anti-inflammatory drugs, antibiotics (cefazolin and penicillin sodium), vitamin C, cooling +/- aminophylline for bronchospasm)
- Ambroxal hydrochloride: PO, tid (10 mg; 3 m-1 y / 15 mg; 2-3 y / 30 mg; > 4 y)
- Procaterol hydrochloride: PO tid (12.5  $\mu$ g; < 5 y / 25  $\mu$ g; > 5 y)
- **Outcomes:** Symptom scores, changes in plasma TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-6, and IL-18 levels, pulmonary function (FEV1 and FVC)



# Efficacy of ambroxol hydrochloride in combination with procaterol hydrochloride in pediatric pneumonia



**Table 2.** Time of disappearance of clinical symptoms associated with children in group A and group B

Group	Group A (n=43)	Group B (n=43)	t	P
Cough disappearance time	7.01 ± 1.43	3.04 ± 1.36	13.190	< 0.001
Wheezing disappearance time	7.20 ± 1.25	4.05 ± 1.62	10.090	< 0.001
Defervescence time	7.18 ± 1.44	3.95 ± 1.26	11.070	< 0.001
Rale disappearance time	6.82 ± 1.08	3.02 ± 1.17	15.650	< 0.001

**Table 3.** Cough scores before and after treatment in children in group A and group B

Group	Group A (n=43)	Group B (n=43)	t	P
Before treatment	5.23 ± 1.68	5.42 ± 1.90	0.491	0.625
After treatment	2.68 ± 1.42	1.26 ± 0.23	6.473	< 0.001
t	7.801	9.374		
P	< 0.001	< 0.001		

The cough disappearance time, wheezing disappearance time, defervescence time, and rale disappearance time of group B were shorter than those of group A

- The cough scores of both groups were lower after treatment.
- The cough score of group B after treatment being lower than before treatment compare with group A

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**Table 4.** TNF- $\alpha$  before and after treatment in children in group A and group B

Group	Group A (n=43)	Group B (n=43)	t	P
Before treatment	13.14 $\pm$ 2.15	13.01 $\pm$ 2.47	0.260	0.795
After treatment	7.02 $\pm$ 2.48	4.28 $\pm$ 1.99	5.651	< 0.001
t	5.207	8.580		
P	< 0.001	< 0.001		

**Table 5.** IL-6 before and after treatment in children in group A and group B

Group	Group A (n=43)	Group B (n=43)	t	P
Before treatment	48.39 $\pm$ 2.69	49.13 $\pm$ 1.06	1.678	0.097
After treatment	36.46 $\pm$ 2.16	28.49 $\pm$ 1.24	20.980	< 0.001
t	6.135	8.508		
P	< 0.001	< 0.001		

**Table 6.** IL-18 before and after treatment in children in group A and group B

Group	Group A (n=43)	Group B (n=43)	t	P
Before treatment	320.19 $\pm$ 58.29	319.45 $\pm$ 56.41	0.054	0.957
After treatment	302.18 $\pm$ 46.09	236.29 $\pm$ 39.08	7.150	< 0.001
t	7.542	9.014		
P	< 0.001	< 0.001		

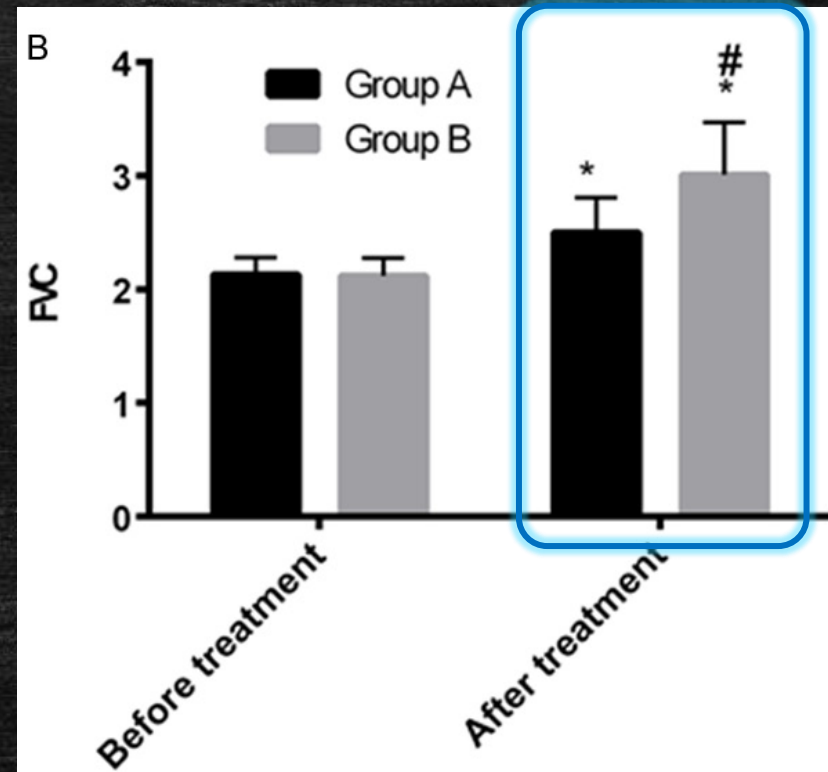
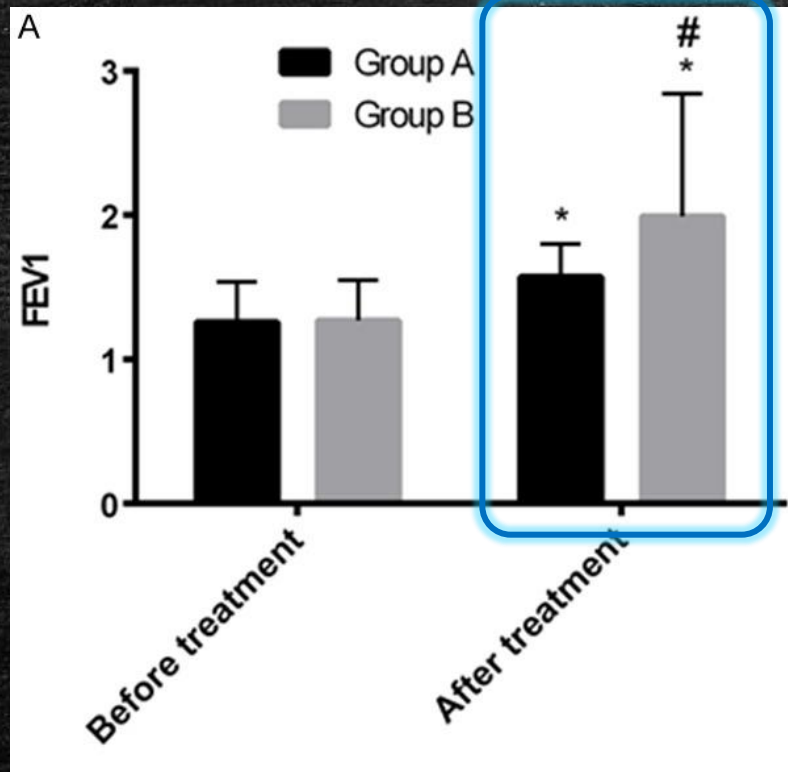
Inflammatory marker during pneumonia (TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-6 and IL-18)

- the plasma level of group B after treatment being lower than that of group A

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Pulmonary function (FEV1 and FVC) of group B were higher than those in group A after treatment ( $P < 0.001$ )

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### **The combination of ambroxol hydrochloride and procaterol hydrochloride in pediatric pneumonia treatment showed**

- Better clinical symptoms (cough, wheezing, rale disappearance, and defervescence time periods)
- Better alleviation of pulmonary inflammation
- Better regulation of pulmonary function

**This combination can improve the clinical efficacy of treatments in children with pneumonia to a certain extent and is worthy of wide clinical promotion.**

# Short-acting $\beta$ 2-Agonist: All generation

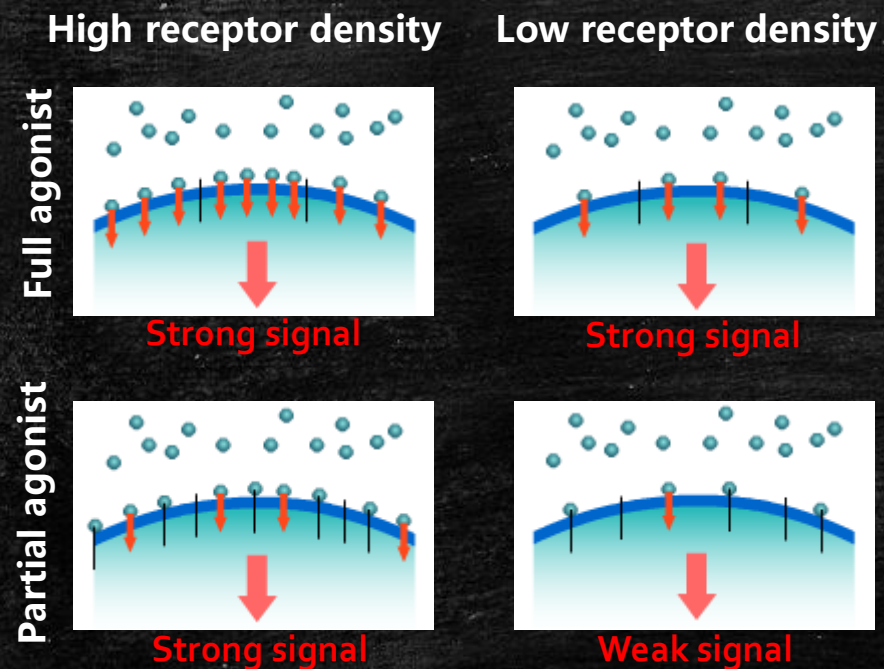


	รุ่นที่ 1	รุ่นที่ 2	รุ่นที่ 3
กลุ่มยาขยายหลอดลม	Adreneline, Ephedrine	Salbutamol, Terbutaline	Procaterol
ความเฉพาะเจาะจง	$\alpha, \beta_1, \beta_2$	$\beta_2 > \beta_1$	$\beta_2 \gg \beta_1$
	ไม่มีรูปยาเม็ด	mg	$\mu$ g
ประสิทธิภาพในการขยายหลอดลม			
ความเร็วในการออกฤทธิ์		0.5 – 1 hr	น้อยกว่า 30 นาที
ระยะเวลาในการออกฤทธิ์		2-7 hr	10-12 hr
อาการไม่พึงประสงค์		ใจสั่น มือสั่น (5-10%)	ใจสั่น มือสั่น (1-5%)
บัญชียาหลักแห่งชาติ		✓	✓

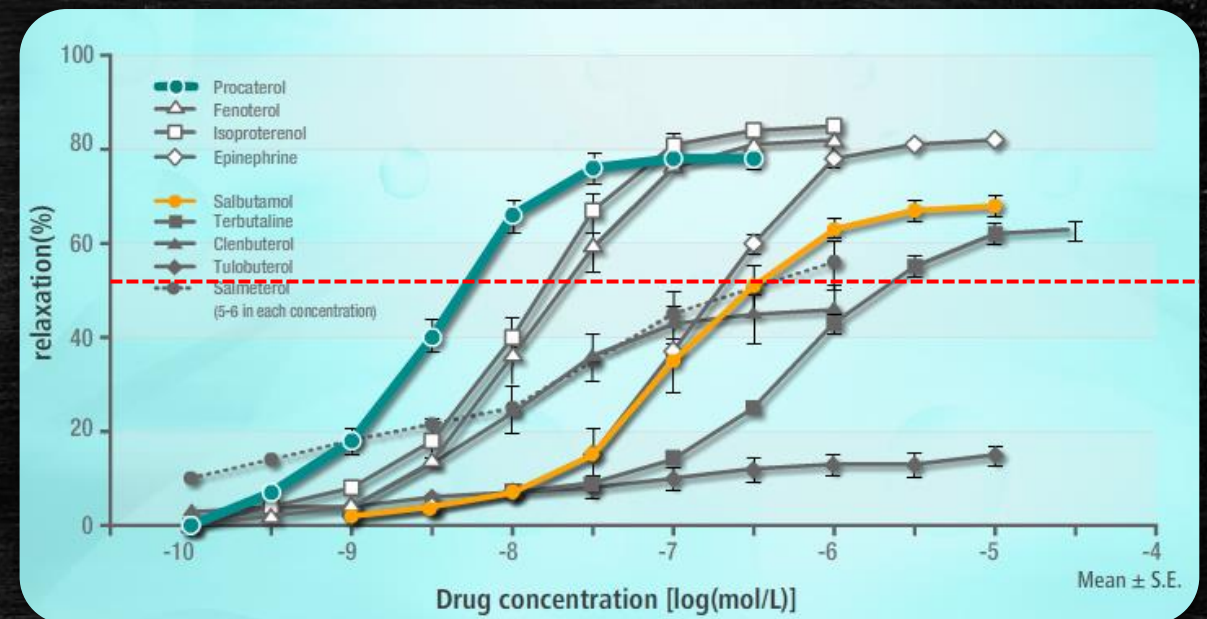


# Full agonist & strong broncho-dilating effects

- **Full agonist:** only need 5% receptor density can reach 100% broncho-dilating effect
- **Partial agonist:** even with 100% receptor density, it can not reach full broncho-dilating effect



## Relaxant effects of $\beta 2$ adrenoceptor on severe precontraction

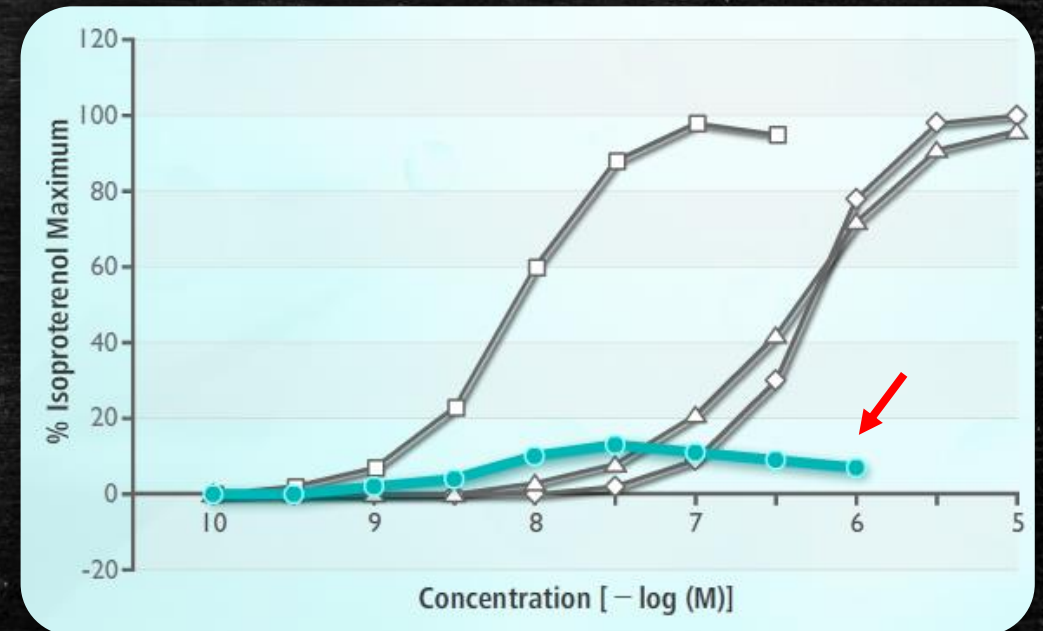


# $\beta_2$ selectivity of bronchodilators



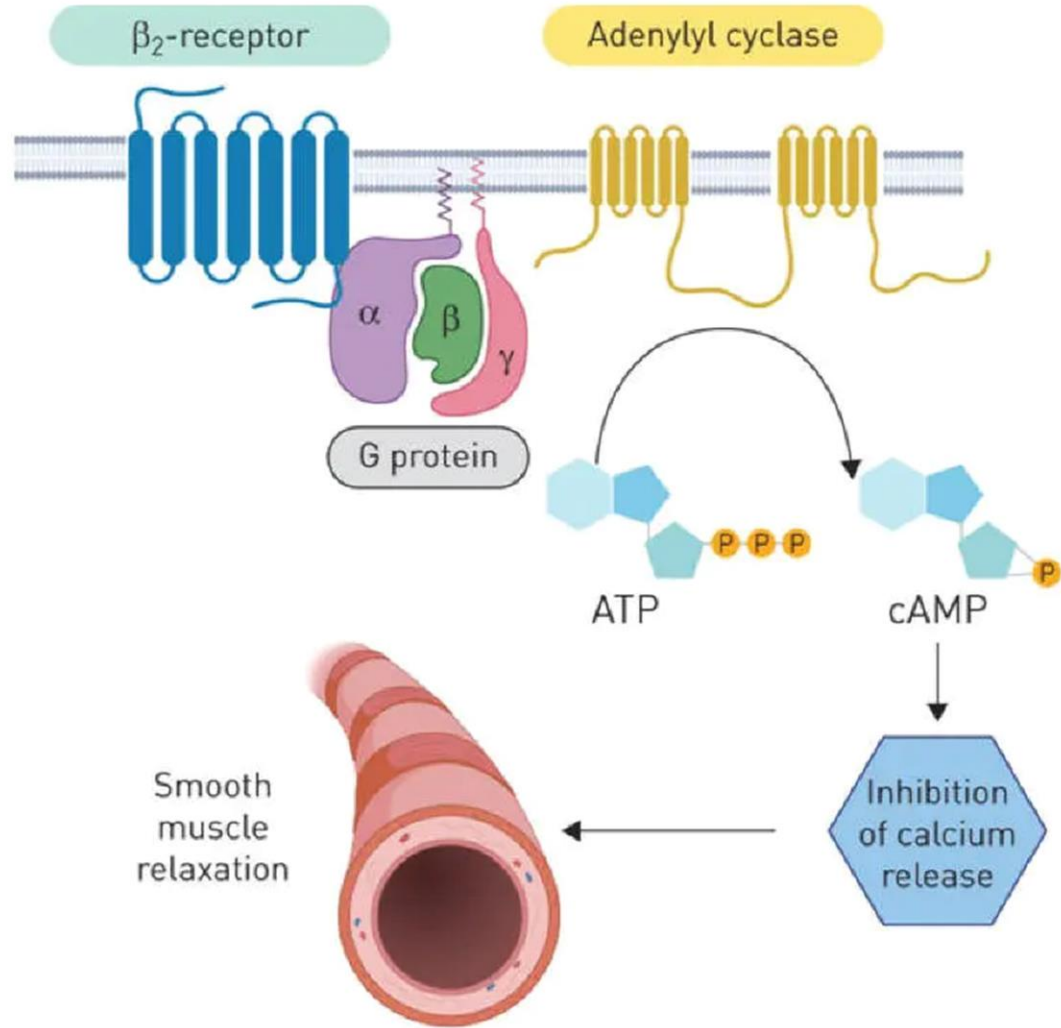
name	Bronchitis ( $\beta_2$ ) EC50	left atrium ( $\beta_1$ ) EC50	B1 effect	B2 selectivity ( $\beta_2/\beta_1$ )
<u>Procaterol</u>	11.1	0.0001	3	111,000
Salmeterol	5.0	0.0001	4	50,000
Clenbuterol	2.0	0.0001	2	20,000
<u>Salbutamol</u>	0.48	0.0004	14	1,200
Formoterol	25.0	0.05	100	500
<u>Terbutaline</u>	0.08	0.0003	35	267
<u>Fenoterol</u>	0.9	0.005	100	180
<u>Orciprenaline</u>	0.05	0.01	89	5
Isoprenaline	1.0	1.0	100	1

Highly selectivity for  $\beta_2$  receptor,  
Less Cardiac side effects

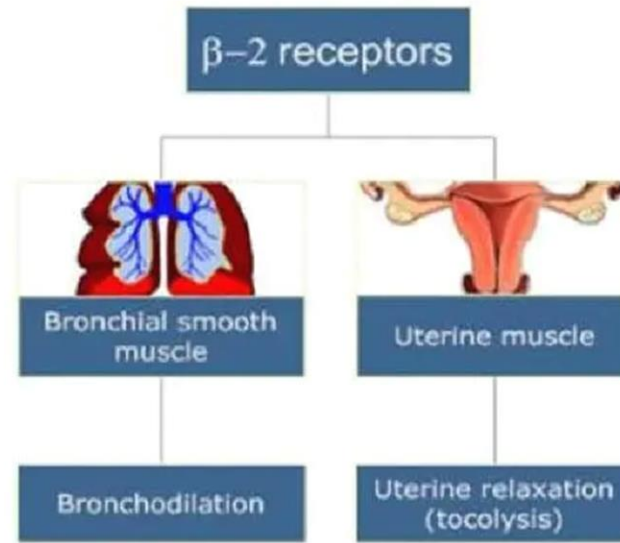


Positive inotropic responses

# Selective agonists of beta adrenergic receptors 2

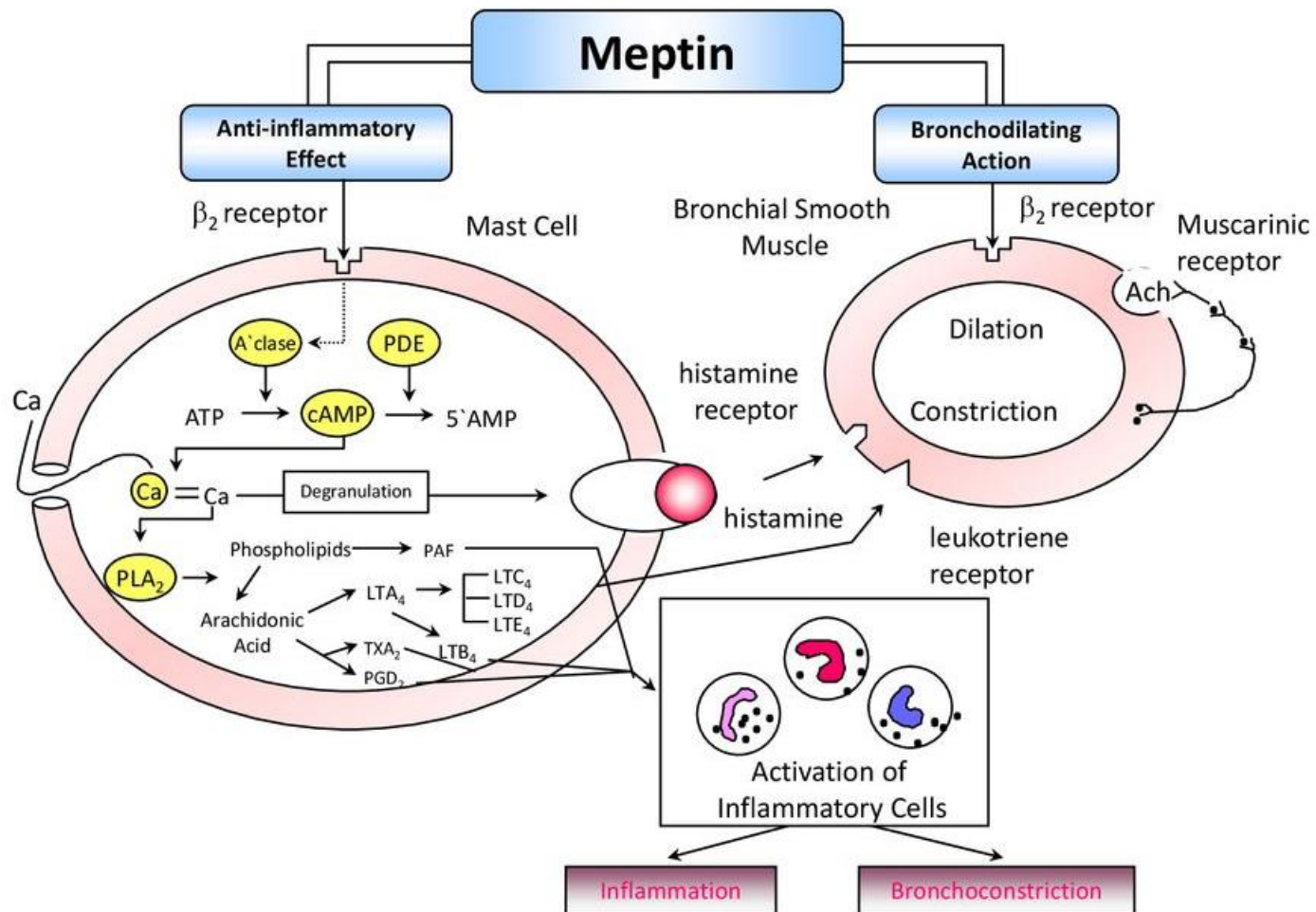


1. Terbutaline
2. Clenbuterol
3. Salbutamol
4. Salmeterol
5. Pirbuterol
6. Isoetarine
7. Orciprinaline





# Procaterol: Mechanism of Action



❖ **Meptin Tab, Mini, Syrup**  
**be listed in National List of Essential Medicines**  
**from year 2004 and also in year 2017**



กลุ่มยา 3 Respiratory system

3.1 Bronchodilators

3.1.1 Adrenoceptor agonists

- |                             |  |   |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1. Procaterol hydrochloride | syr  | ก |
| 2. Salbutamol sulfate       | tab, aqueous sol, DPI, MDI, sol<br>for nebulizer | ก |
| 3. Terbutaline sulfate      | tab, syr, sterile sol                            | ก |
| 4. Terbutaline sulfate      | sol for nebulizer                                | ก |
| 5. Procaterol hydrochloride | tab  | ข |





# Take home messages (1)

- RAD is a symptomatic diagnosis of recurrent wheezing in preschool child.
- **Most of RAD-diagnosed children become asthma, since preschool asthma are difficult to diagnose.**
- Early viral respiratory infections, especially RSV and rhinovirus (RV), are the significant risk factors for asthma development.
- **RV infections cause airway inflammation and hyper-responsiveness which can be presented as recurrent wheezing or RAD.**



## Take home messages (2)

- **Bronchodilator, eg; procaterol:**
  - has an anti-viral effect especially in inhibiting RV infections by reducing RV adhesion molecules, acidification of RV endosomes and reducing inflammatory cytokine production.
  - reduces eosinophilic infiltration and fibroblast migration.
  - may help to prevent airway remodeling.
- Procaterol is the option of bronchodilator that helps in reducing RAD symptoms which are wheezing and coughing (improves mucociliary clearance and when using in combination with ambroxal)

**Thank you for your attention**



**The End**