

Thinking Long-term From the Beginning to Optimize Outcomes in Schizophrenia

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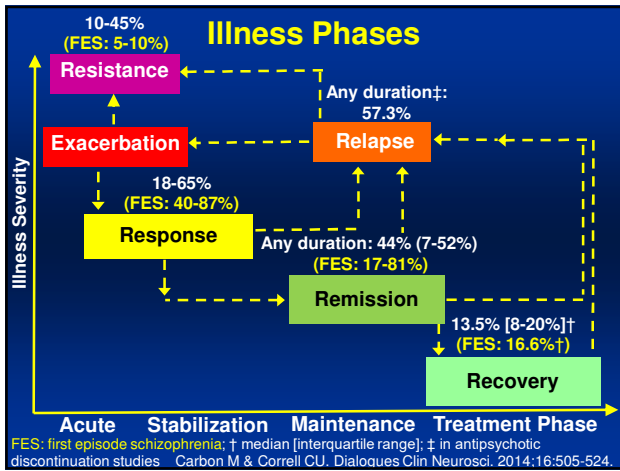
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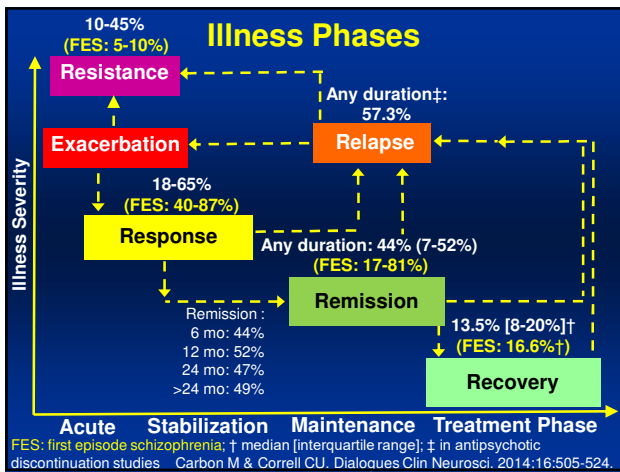
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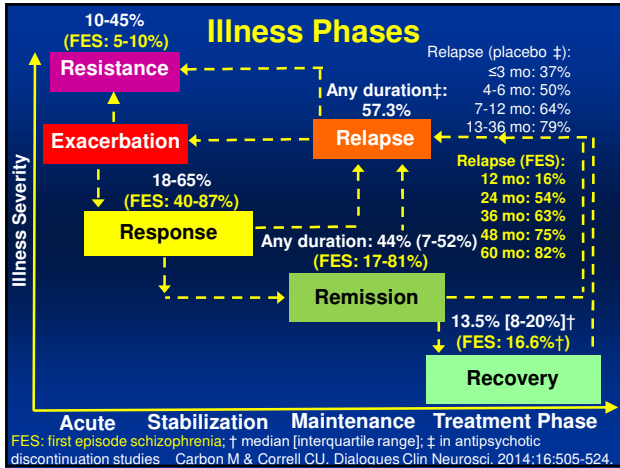
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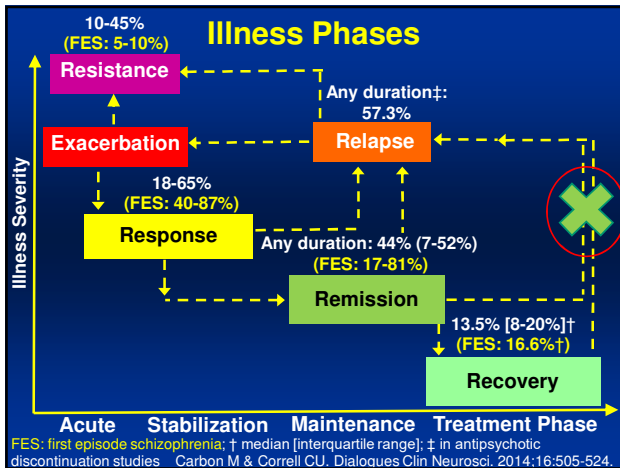
- Efficacy
 - First Episode Patients
 - Chronic Patients
 - Maintenance Treatment
- Adverse Effects
- Conclusions

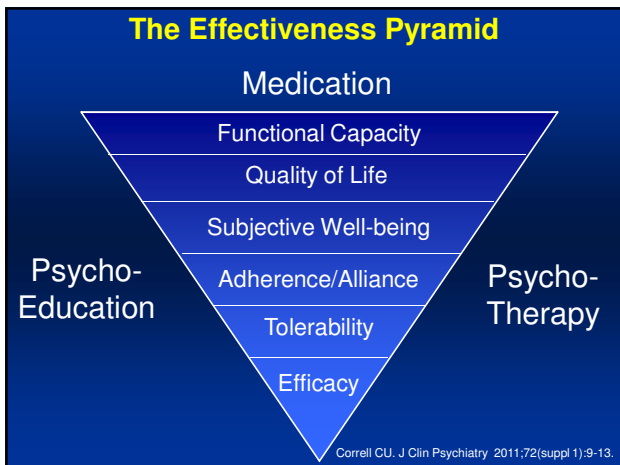
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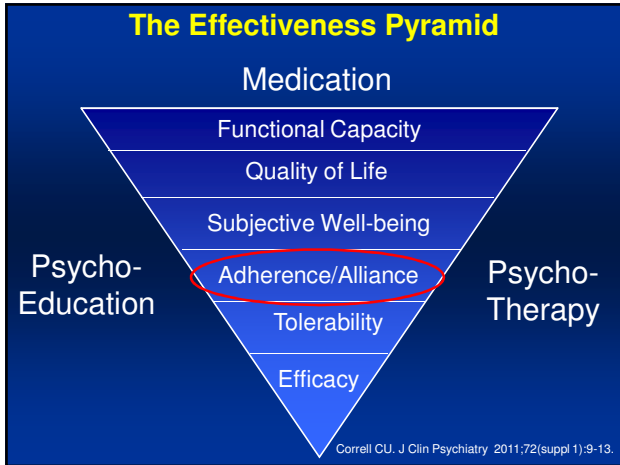




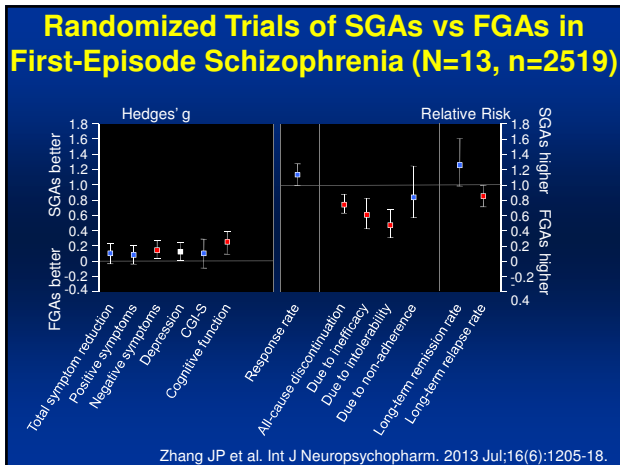




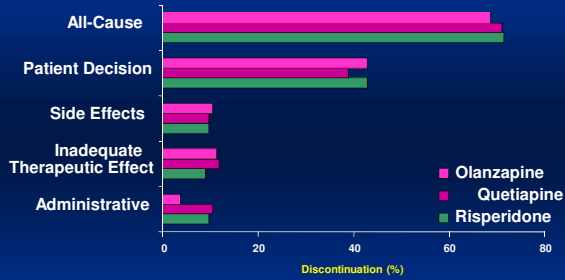




First Episode



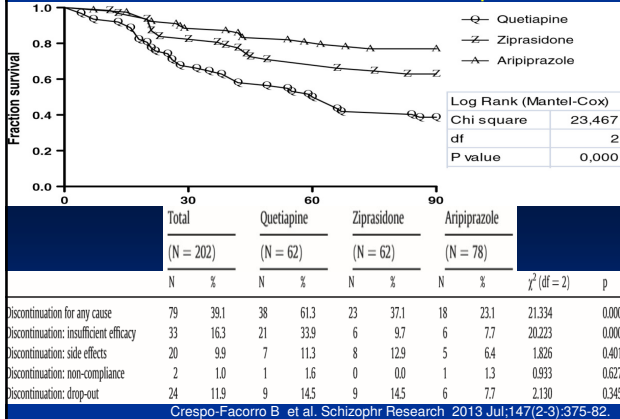
CAFE Study: All-Cause Treatment Discontinuation



For each category above, the comparison of quetiapine vs olanzapine and quetiapine vs risperidone met the *a priori* test of noninferiority (20%) at P<0.05

McEvoy J et al. Am J Psychiatry 2007;164:1050-60.

FE SCZ RCT of ARI vs QUE vs ZIP: Dropout Rates



Crespo-Facorro B et al. Schizophr Research 2013 Jul;147(2-3):375-82.

Schizophrenia Bulletin
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A Randomized Comparison of Aripiprazole and Risperidone for the Acute Treatment of First-Episode Schizophrenia and Related Disorders: 3-Month Outcomes

Dobbert G, Robinson J^{1,2}, Juan A. Gallego^{1,3}, Majum John^{2,5}, Georgios Petrides^{1,4}, Youssef Hassoun^{2,1}, Jian-Ping Zhang^{1,4}, Leonardo Lopez^{2,4}, Raphael J. Braga^{1,4}, Serge M. Seys^{1,4}, Jean Addington¹, Charles H. Kellner⁶, Mauricio Tohen¹, Melissa Naraine¹, Natasha Bennett¹, Jessica Greenberg¹, Todd Lencz^{1,5}, Christoph U. Correll^{1,4,6}, John M. Kane^{1,4,6,7}, and Anil K. Malhotra^{1,4,6}

Research findings are particularly important for medication choice for first-episode patients as individual prior medication response to guide treatment decisions is unavailable. We describe the first large-scale double-masked randomized comparison with first-episode patients of aripiprazole and risperidone, 2 commonly used first-episode treatment agents. One hundred ninety-eight participants aged 15–40 years with schizophrenia, schizophreniform disorder, schizoaffective disorder or psychotic disorder Not Otherwise Specified, and who had been treated in their lifetime with antipsychotics for 2 weeks or less were randomly assigned to double-masked aripiprazole (5–30 mg/d) or risperidone (1–6 mg/d) and followed for 12 weeks. Positive symptom response rates did not differ (62.8% vs 56.8%) nor did time to response. Aripiprazole-treated participants had better negative symptom outcomes but experienced more akathisia. Body mass index change did not differ between treatments but advantages were found for aripiprazole treatment for total and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol, fasting glucose, and prolactin levels. Post hoc analyses suggested advantages for aripiprazole on depressed mood. Overall, if the potential for akathisia is a concern, low-dose risperidone as used in this trial may be a preferred choice over aripiprazole. Otherwise, aripiprazole would be the preferred choice over risperidone in most situations based upon metabolic outcome advantages and some symptom advantages within the context of similar positive symptom response between medications.

1st Episode Schizophrenia: Key Points

- First episode patients are generally more treatment responsive
- They require lower doses (approx. 50%)
- They are more sensitive to side effects
- Relapse is very common
- While acute efficacy might be similar with FGAs and SGAs, relapse and treatment discontinuation seem to be higher with FGAs
- Multidisciplinary interventions, focusing on engagement, treatment continuation, relapse prevention, physical health and functional recovery are paramount

Multi-episode / Chronic

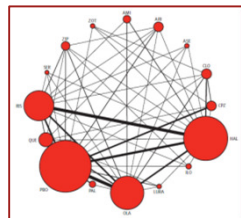
Multiple treatments meta-analysis¹

Aim

- Create hierarchy for 15 antipsychotic drugs
- Efficacy and major side-effects
- Direct and indirect comparisons
- Includes some treatments without an EU license for Schizophrenia (Sertindole, iloperidone, zotepine, ziprazidone, asenapine)

Data set

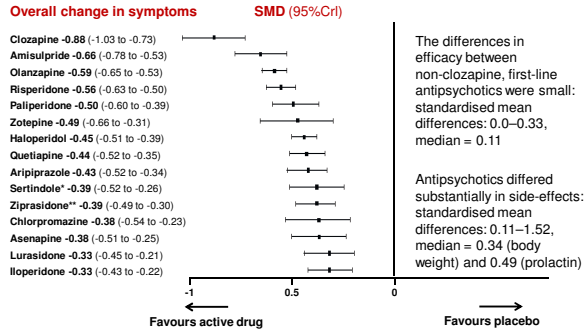
- 212 RCTs
- Acute schizophrenia
- 43,049 participants
- Mean illness duration: 12.4 yrs
- Mean age: 38.4 yrs



Network of comparisons for efficacy

RCT, randomised control trials
1. Leucht S, et al. *Lancet*. 2013;382(9896):951-62.

Efficacy of antipsychotics vs. placebo



* Only available on named patient basis in UK ** Not licensed in the UK
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Magnitude PANSS Total Change on Placebo Over Time in Trials of Acute SCZ

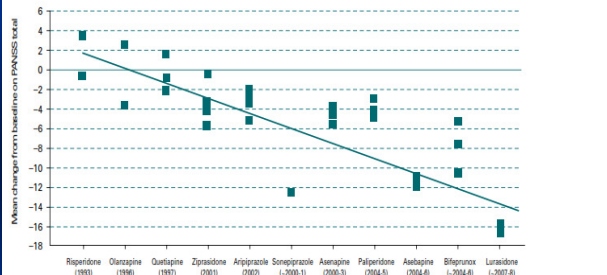
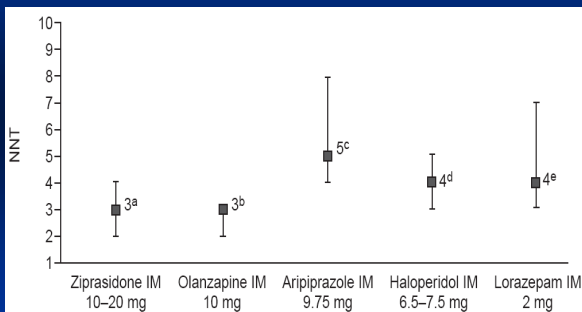


Fig. 2. Placebo effect in acute schizophrenia trials over time. The mean change from baseline in total Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale (PANSS) scores for subjects receiving placebo across randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, clinical trials has increased in the direction of greater improvements that is correlated to the year that the studies were conducted. (Adapted from Kemp *et al.*, 2008.)

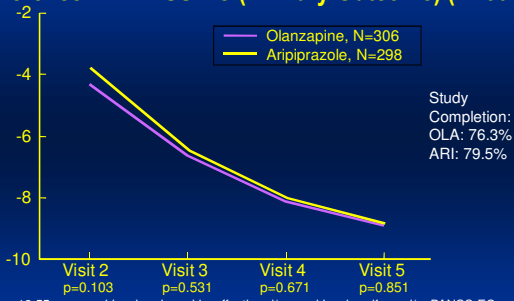
Alphas L et al. *Int J Neuropsychopharmacol*. 2012 Aug;15(7):1003-14

Short Acting i.m. Antipsychotics for Acute Agitation: NNTs for Study-defined Response at 2 Hours



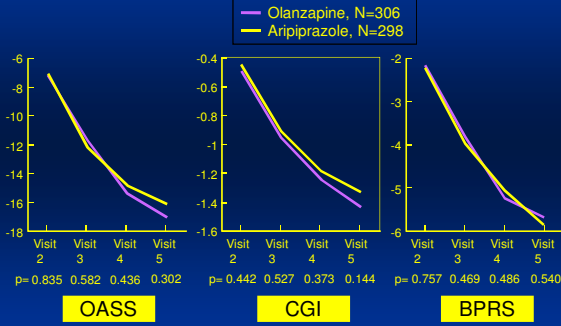
Citrome, L. *J Clin Psychiatry* 2007; 68(12):1876-85

5-Day Randomized Trial of Olanzapine vs. Aripiprazole in Acutely Ill Schizophrenia Patients with Agitation: No Difference in PANSS-EC (Primary Outcome) (N=604)



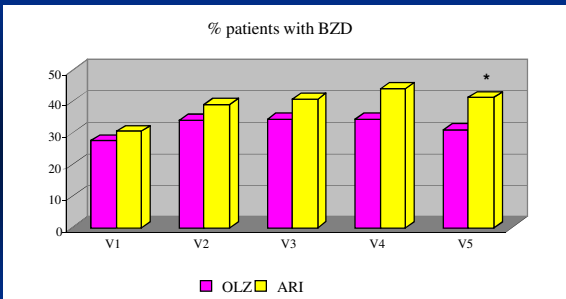
Inclusion: Age: 18-55 years, schizophrenia, schizoaffective d/o or schizophreniform d/o; PANSS-EC score of ≥ 20 (1-7 scale) and rated >4 (1-7 scale) on at least 2 of the BPRS Positive subscale items, minimum hospitalization of at > 5 d; Baseline Mean total PANSS-EC score: Olanzapine = 21.63 Aripiprazole = 21.43 Kinon B et al., J Clin Psychopharmacol. 2008 Dec;28(6):601-7.

Change in OASS, CGI-Severity and BPRS Positive Scores (N=604)



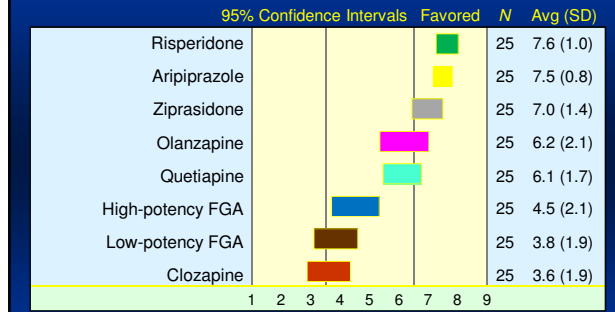
OASS= Overt Agitation Severity Scale; CGI= Clinical Global Impressions; BPRS= Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale Kinon B et al., J Clin Psychopharmacol. 2008 Dec;28(6):601-7.

Concomitant Benzodiazepine Use (N=604)



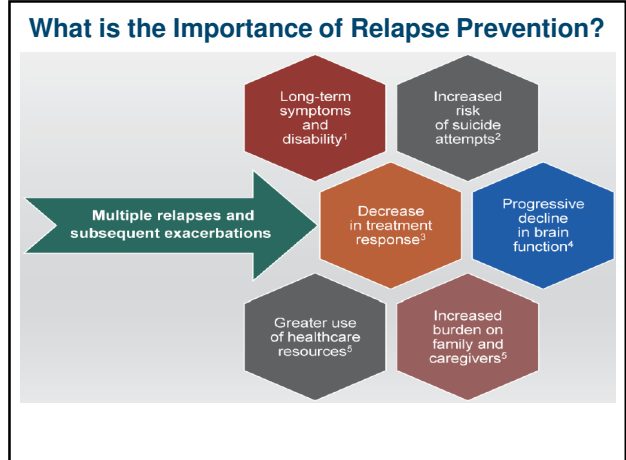
* p=0.033, all other time points: ns. Baseline Mean total PANSS-EC score: Olanzapine = 21.63 Aripiprazole = 21.43 Kinon B et al., J Clin Psychopharmacol. 2008 Dec;28(6):601-7.

Expert Consensus on the Treatment of the Acute Psychotic Episode as Part of Schizophrenia

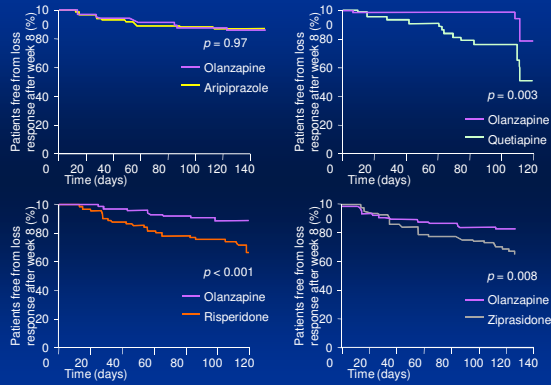


9= extremely appropriate: first strategy of choice
 7-5= usually appropriate: a 1st line strategy you would often use
 4-3= equivocal: 2nd line strategy you would sometimes use, eg, pt/px preference, 1st line not effective/available/suitable
 2-3= usually inappropriate: strategy you would rarely use;
 1 = extremely inappropriate: strategy you would never use Weiden PJ et al. J Clin Psychiatry. 2007;68 Suppl 7:1-48

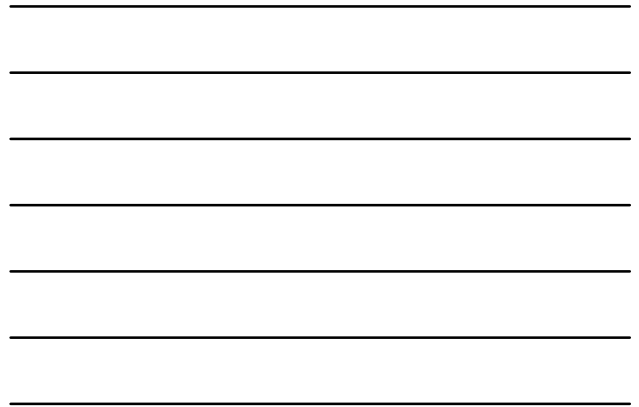
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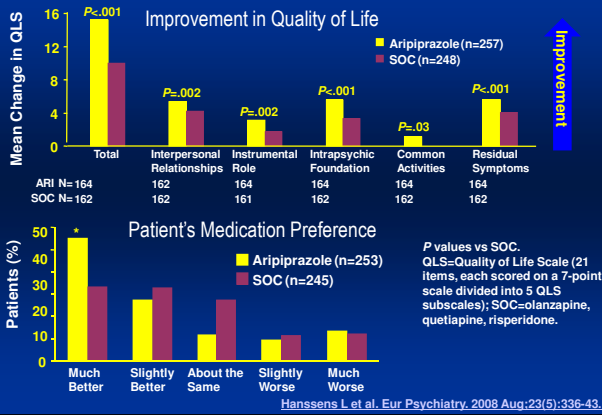
Maintenance of Response with Atypical Antipsychotics



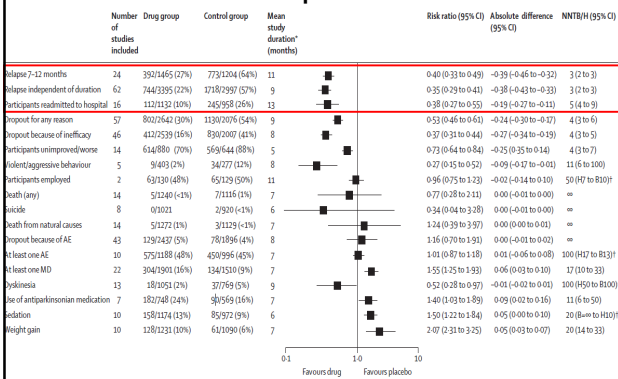
Stauffer V et al. BMC Psychiatry 2009;9:13-24.



26-Week Schizophrenia Trial of Aripiprazole: "STAR"



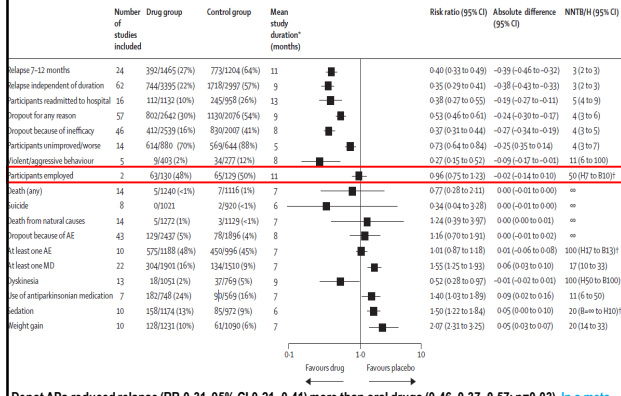
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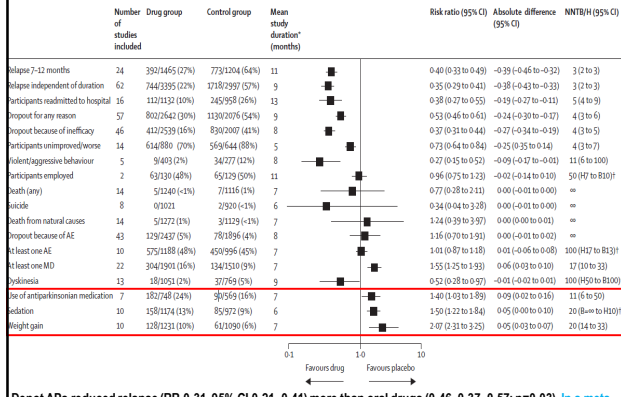


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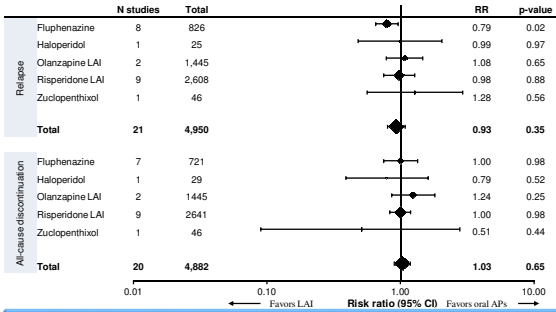


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Memory Aids....



No differences in study-defined relapse/all-cause discontinuation between LAIs and oral antipsychotics



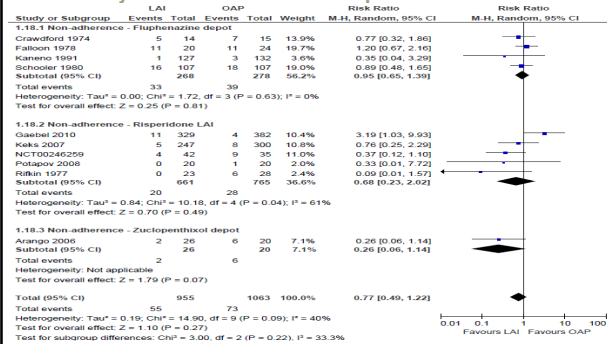
No difference in adherence between pooled LAIs and oral APs (measured in 10 studies)

AP, antipsychotic; CI, confidence interval; LAI, long-acting injectable antipsychotic; RR, relative risk 21 studies, n=5176

Kishimoto T, Robenzadeh A, Leucht C, Leucht S, Watanabe K, Mimura M, Borenstein M, Kane JM, Correll CU. J Clin Psychopharmacol 2014 Jan;40(1):192-213.

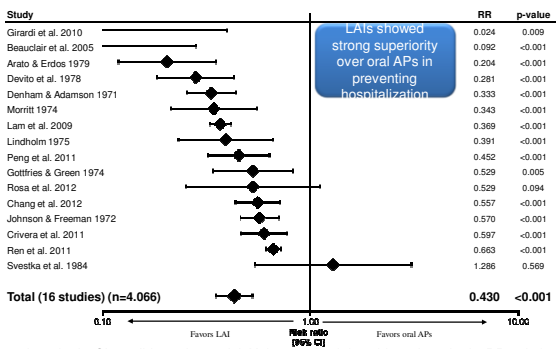
LAIs Were not Superior to Oral Antipsychotics Regarding Adherence

Meta-analysis of 10 RCTs in schizophrenia followed for ≥ 6



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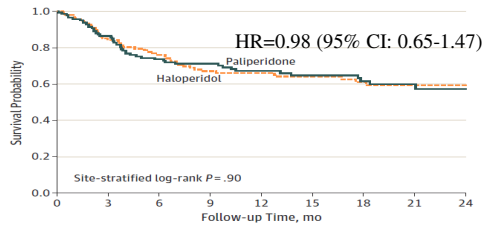
In Mirror Image Studies, LAIs reduce risk of hospitalization compared with oral antipsychotics



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Kishimoto T, Nitta M, Borenstein M, Kane JM, Correll CU. J Clin Psychiatry. 2013 Oct;74:957-65.

Paliperidone LAI vs Haloperidol LAI: Time to Efficacy Failure



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Paliperidone	145	119	91	76	62	51	36	26	10
Haloperidol	145	107	88	71	64	51	39	30	13
No. with event									
Paliperidone	0	19	36	39	43	45	47	48	49
Haloperidol	0	21	31	41	42	44	46	47	47

Efficacy failure (independent committee): psychiatric hospitalization; need for crisis stabilization; meaningful increase in outpatient visits; inability to discontinue oral antipsychotics within 8 weeks due to insufficient benefit; discontinuation of LAI due to insufficient benefit; ongoing or repeated need for oral antipsychotics beyond 8 weeks
McEvoy J et al. JAMA 2014;311(19):1978-86.

Paliperidone LAI vs Haloperidol LAI: Cardiovascular Adverse Effects

Outcome	Paliperidone Palmitate (n = 147)	Haloperidol Decanoate (n = 147)	P Value ^a
Weight change (least-squares mean) from baseline, mean (95% CI), kg			
Month 6	2.17 (1.25 to 3.09)	-0.96 (-1.88 to -0.04)	
Month 12	3.46 (1.83 to 5.09)	-1.93 (-3.56 to -0.31)	
Month 18	4.75 (2.36 to 7.14)	-2.91 (-5.28 to -0.53)	<.001 ^b
Month 24	6.04 (2.88 to 9.20)	-3.88 (-7.02 to -0.73)	
Ever gained ≥15 lbs from baseline, No. (%)	48 (33.1)	32 (22.4)	.03 ^c
At least 1 laboratory assessment after first injection, No. of patients	129	126	
Laboratory values, worst change from baseline			
Results, least-squares mean (95% CI)			
HbA _{1c} , %	0.34 (0.17 to 0.52)	0.23 (0.06 to 0.41)	.38 ^d
Blood glucose, mg/dL	21.13 (12.59 to 29.67)	20.96 (12.38 to 29.54)	.98 ^d
Total cholesterol, mg/dL	12.42 (7.20 to 17.63)	16.82 (11.56 to 22.07)	.25 ^d
LDL cholesterol, mg/dL	11.70 (7.06 to 16.34)	13.49 (8.85 to 18.14)	.59 ^d
Triglycerides, mg/dL	36.91 (22.40 to 51.43)	46.57 (31.93 to 61.21)	.36 ^d
HDL cholesterol, mg/dL	-5.28 (-6.74 to -3.83)	-4.52 (-5.98 to -3.05)	.47 ^d

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Paliperidone LAI vs Haloperidol LAI: Neuromotor and Prolactin-Related Adverse Effects

Outcome	Paliperidone Palmitate (n = 147)	Haloperidol Decanoate (n = 147)	P Value ^a
Neurologic effects			
AIMS global severity score			
Incidence of AIMS ≥2, No. (%)	28 (21.4)	30 (23.8)	0.57 ^c
Worst change from baseline, least-squares mean (95% CI)	0.43 (0.31 to 0.55)	0.50 (0.38 to 0.62)	.39 ^d
BAS global score			
Incidence of BAS ≥3, No. (%)	4 (2.8)	15 (10.6)	.006 ^c
Worst change from baseline, least-squares mean (95% CI)	0.45 (0.31 to 0.59)	0.73 (0.59 to 0.87)	.006 ^d
SAS mean score			
Incidence of SAS ≥1, No. (%)	109 (79.0)	101 (74.8)	.45 ^c
Worst change from baseline, least-squares mean (95% CI)	0.21 (0.16 to 0.27)	0.25 (0.20 to 0.30)	.34 ^d
Serum prolactin levels			
Among men only			
Highest level after baseline, least-squares mean (95% CI), µg/L	34.56 (29.75 to 39.37)	15.41 (10.73 to 20.08)	<.001 ^b
Worst ASEX after baseline, least-squares mean (95% CI) ^f	17.68 (16.36 to 19.00)	17.95 (16.66 to 19.25)	.77 ^g
ASEX score ≥19, No. (%)	34 (37.8)	37 (39.4)	.72 ^g
Incidence of gynecomastia or galactorrhea, No. (%) ^h	5 (4.7)	3 (2.8)	.46 ^g
Among women only			
Highest level after baseline, least-squares mean (95% CI), µg/L	75.19 (63.03 to 87.36)	26.84 (13.29 to 40.40)	<.001 ^b
Worst ASEX after baseline, least-squares mean (95% CI) ^f	23.41 (21.01 to 25.80)	22.83 (20.12 to 25.54)	.75 ^g
ASEX score ≥19, No. (%)	24 (72.7)	19 (73.1)	.88 ^g
Incidence of gynecomastia, galactorrhea, or menstrual irregularities, No. (%) ^h	10 (38.5)	5 (29.4)	.13 ^g

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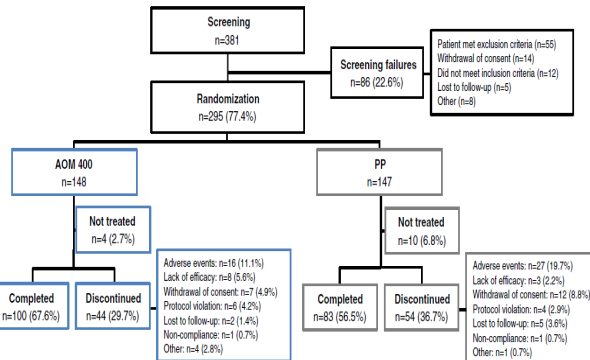
QUALIFY Study - Aripiprazole Once-monthly and Paliperidone Palmitate Once-Monthly: Study Design

- Design: randomized, open-label rater-blinded, head-to-head comparison of intramuscular aripiprazole once-monthly (400 or 300 mg/month) and intramuscular paliperidone palmitate injection (50 to 150 mg/month)
- Non-inferiority study, allowing for subsequent superiority testing, if non-inferiority criterion was met
- Population: 18-60 years with a diagnosis of schizophrenia (predefined age stratification (18- ≤ 35 vs >35-60)
- CGI-S Score ≥ 3 (mildly ill) and ≤ 5 (markedly ill)
- Reason for change in treatment (inefficacy, intolerability, poor adherence)
- Duration: 28 weeks (3-week oral conversion period, 5-week intramuscular formulations, continued for 20 weeks)
- Primary outcome: Heinrichs-Carpenter Quality of Life Scale (QLS)
 - intrapsychic foundations (sense of purpose, motivation, emotional interaction, etc.)
 - interpersonal relations (social activity, social network, etc.)
 - instrumental role (work functioning, work satisfaction, etc.)
 - common objects and activities (self-care, hobbies).
- Key secondary outcome: Clinical Global Impressions scales (CGI),

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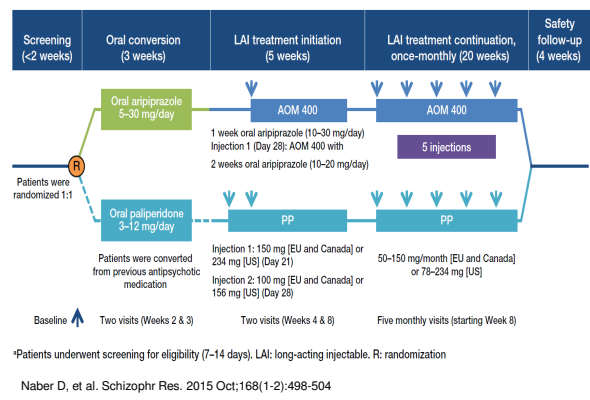
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QUALIFY: Patient Disposition



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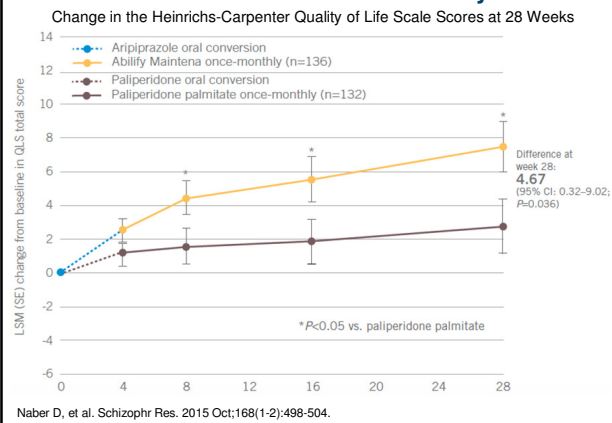
QUALIFY Study Design: ARI LAI vs PALI LAI



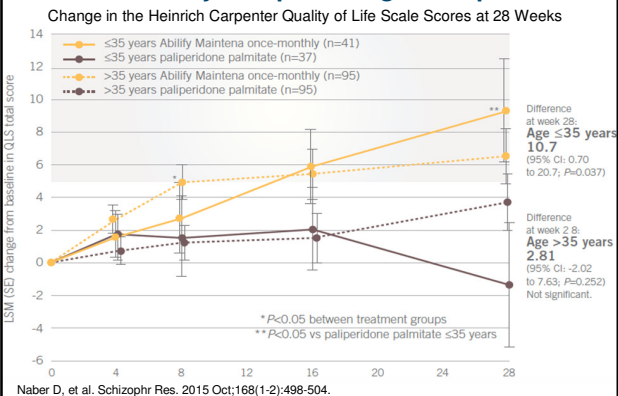
*Patients underwent screening for eligibility (7–14 days). LAI: long-acting injectable. R: randomization

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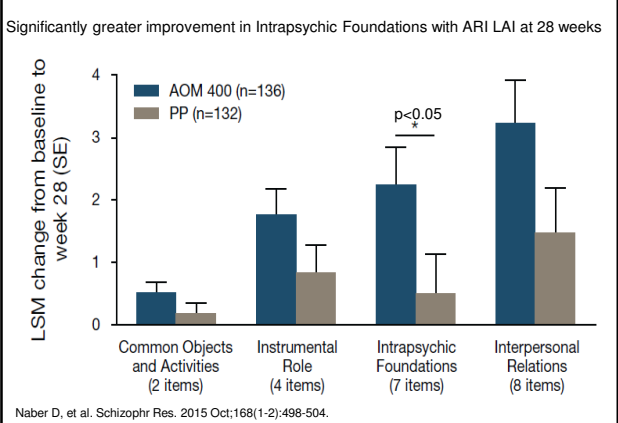
QUALIFY: ARI LAI vs PALI LAI: Primary Outcome

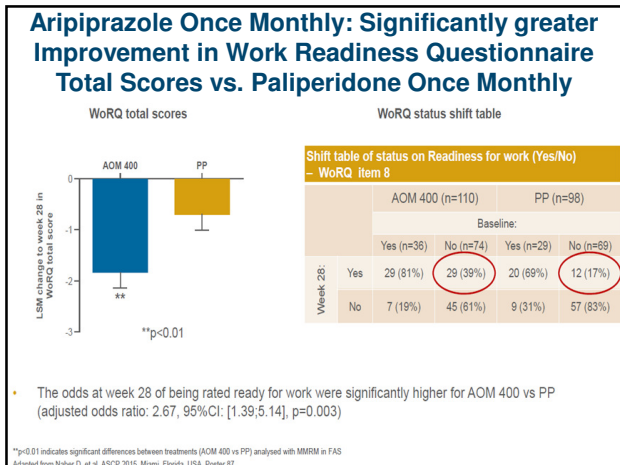
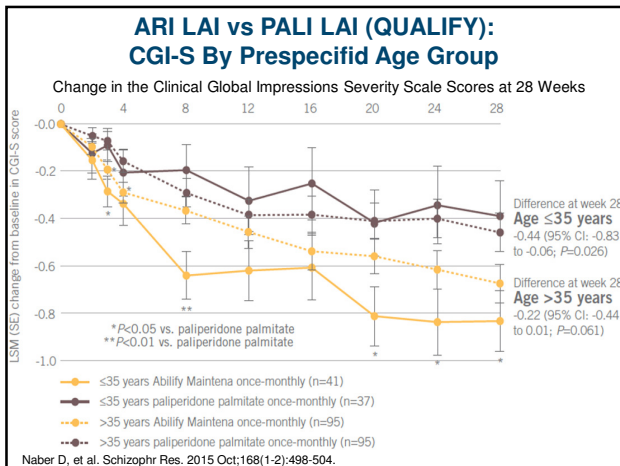
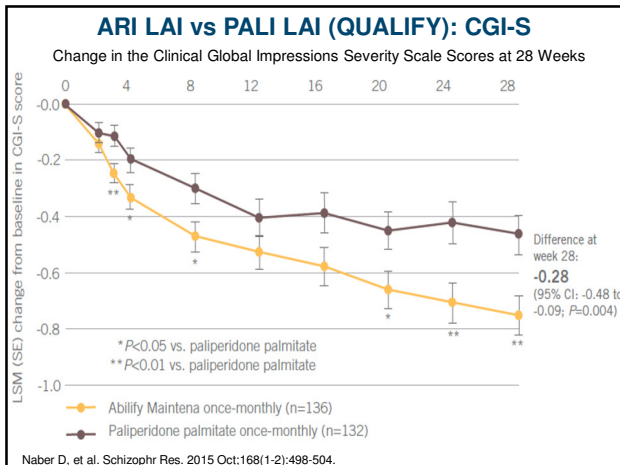


ARI LAI vs PALI LAI (QUALIFY): QLS By Prespecified Age Group



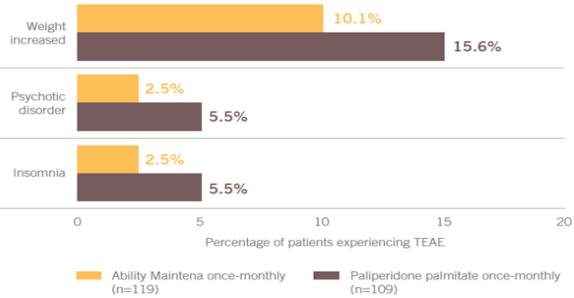
QUALIFY: ARI LAI vs PALI LAI: QLS Domains





Aripiprazole Once Monthly: Adverse Effect Advantages Over Paliperidone Once Monthly

Treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs) occurring in $\geq 5\%$ of patients in the treatment continuation phase (period c)



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Aripiprazole Once Monthly: Lower Rate of Sexual Dysfunction Than Paliperidone Once Monthly Injection

Adjusted odds ratios (OR) for the risk of ASEX-assessed sexual dysfunction at baseline and after 28 weeks treatment with AOM 400 or paliperidone palmitate (PP)

Incidence of sexual dysfunction, n/N (%)	AOM 400	PP	Adjusted OR [95% CI]	P-value
All patients: Baseline	56/103 (54.4)	55/84 (65.5)		0.14*
Males, baseline	30/61 (49.2)	25/46 (54.3)		0.70†
Females, baseline	26/42 (61.9)	30/38 (78.9)		0.14*
All patients: Week 28	39/103 (37.9)	53/84 (63.1)	0.29 [0.14;0.61]	0.0012
Males	17/61 (27.9)	23/46 (50.0)	0.33 [0.13;0.86]	0.023
Females	22/42 (52.4)	30/38 (78.9)	0.14 [0.03;0.62]	0.0099

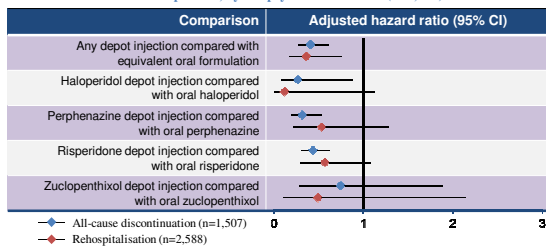
Sexual dysfunction pre-defined as an ASEX total score of ≥ 15 , or a score of ≥ 5 on any one item, or a score of ≥ 4 on at least 3 items.

*p-value derived from Fisher's exact test. Results shown from the full analysis set.

Polkin et al. Presented at the 28th annual European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP) congress, August 31–September 1, 2015, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, P.3.d.078.

LAI antipsychotics significantly improve treatment outcomes in patients with schizophrenia

Risk of discontinuation or rehospitalisation after a first hospitalisation for schizophrenia, by antipsychotic treatment (n=2,588)



CI=confidence interval; LAI=long-acting injectable antipsychotic; 2000–2007; nationwide register study; follow-up after 1st admission for schizophrenia
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Adverse Effects

Time Course of Antipsychotic Adverse Effects

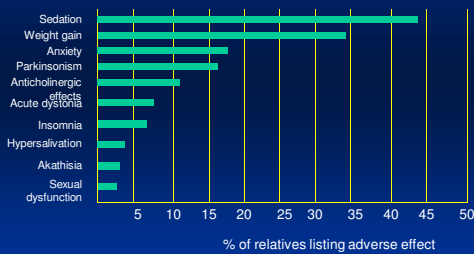
Receptor	Acute: ≤1 wk	Consequence	Early: <3 mo	Consequence	Late: ≥3 mo	Consequence
$\alpha 1$	Hypotension*	Falls non-adherence	Hypotension *	Falls non-adherence	Hypotension	Falls non-adherence
D 2	Dystonia * Parkinsonism*	Pain non-adherence	Parkinsonism* Akathisia *	↓ cognition non-adherence	TD	Stigma ↓ socialization ↓ quality of life
	↑ Prolactin (*)	Sexual Dysfunction non-adherence	↑ Prolactin (*)	Sexual Dysfunction Hypogonadism non-adherence	↑ Prolactin	Osteoporosis ? CHD ? breast cancer
H 1	Sedation *	↓ cognition ↓ functioning non-adherence	Sedation *	↓ cognition ↓ functioning non-adherence	Sedation	↓ cognition ↓ functioning non-adherence
	↑ Weight	↑ lipids/ glucose	↑ Weight	↑ lipids/glucose non-adherence	Diabetes dyslipidemia CHD	↓ functioning ↓ quality of life early death
M 1-4	Blurry vision* dry mouth *	Discomfort non-adherence	↓ cognition Blurry vision* dry mouth* constipation*	↓ functioning discomfort non-adherence	↓ cognition Blurry vision* dry mouth* constipation*	↓ functioning discomfort non-adherence

Acute (<1 week)
Early (<3 months)
Late

*= Tolerance may develop; CHD= Coronary heart disease Correll CU. CNS Spectr. 2007;12(12) (Suppl 21):10-14.

Adverse Effects Considered by Patients' Relatives to Have Most Negative Effects on Quality of Life

Written survey of relatives of patients with schizophrenia, n=320



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Diabetes Risk in 7,139 FE SCZ Pts, Followed for 6.6 Yrs (47,297 Pt-yrs)

Factors associated with altered risk for type 2 diabetes during the last 3 months of follow-up

Variable	Adjusted for observation time				
	OR	z	p	95% CI	
Aripiprazole	0.53	-2.8	0.005	0.34	0.82
Receiving no antipsychotics	0.60	-2.97	0.003	0.43	0.84
Percentage of time being hospitalized*	NS				
Age of first prescription of antipsychotics*	1.01	3.53	0.001	1.01	1.02
Olanzapine	1.57	2.97	0.003	1.17	2.11
Low-potency FGA	1.45	2.44	0.015	1.08	1.96
Clozapine	2.31	4.12	0.001	1.55	3.44

AP: antipsychotic; FGA: first-generation antipsychotic

*Percentage of time being hospitalized is used as a continuous variable, that is odds ratio (OR) indicates increase from, for example, 2 to 3% and so on.

Nielsen J, Skadhede S, Correll CU. *Neuropsychopharmacology*. 2010 Aug;35(9):1997-2004.

Diabetes Risk Increases with Increasing Dose with Olanzapine, Quetiapine and Risperidone

Dose category	Patients exposed (N)	Events (N)	Person-years	Diabetes rate (per 100 person-years)	Adjusted* IRR ^d (95% CI) ^a
Aripiprazole					
≥15 mg	1381	4	371	1.1	1.3 (0.1, 12.2)
10 - <15 mg	988	1	214	0.5	0.6 (0.04, 9.8)
<10 mg	788	1	145	0.7	Reference
Olanzapine					
≥10 mg	5921	58	2176	2.7	p ^f = 0.002 2.5 (1.4, 4.5)
5 - <10 mg	6761	41	2118	1.9	1.7 (1.0, 3.1)
<5 mg	4398	15	1361	1.1	Reference
Quetiapine					
>150 mg	4686	34	1686	2.0	p ^f = 0.007 2.5 (1.3, 4.7)
51 -150 mg	5525	15	1610	0.9	1.2 (0.6, 2.5)
≤50 mg	6516	13	1838	0.7	Reference
Risperidone					
≥ 3 mg	5103	23	1852	1.2	p ^f = 0.10 2.1 (1.0, 4.4)
1 - <3 mg	5187	15	1649	0.9	1.4 (0.6, 3.3)
<1 mg	4353	10	1372	0.7	Reference
Ziprasidone					
>80 mg	624	1	186	0.5	p ^f = 0.60 0.3 (0.03, 3.4)
41 - 80 mg	671	2	170	1.2	0.6 (0.1, 4.0)
≤40 mg	725	3	181	1.7	Reference

Doses expressed in tertiles

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Body Mass Index Identified as an Independent Predictor of Psychiatric Readmission

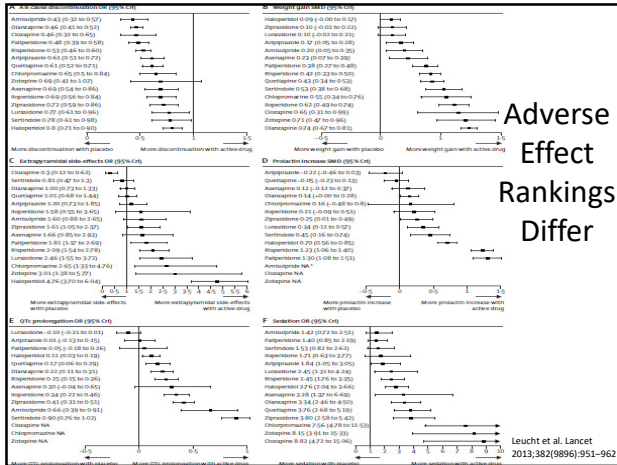
Peter Manu, MD; Sameer Khan, MD; Rajiv Radhakrishnan, MBBS; Mark J. Russ, MD; John M. Kane, MD; and Christoph U. Correll, MD

Method: After identifying univariate correlates of readmission, we used logistic regression with backward elimination to identify independent predictors of readmissions within 1 year after the index psychiatric hospitalization.

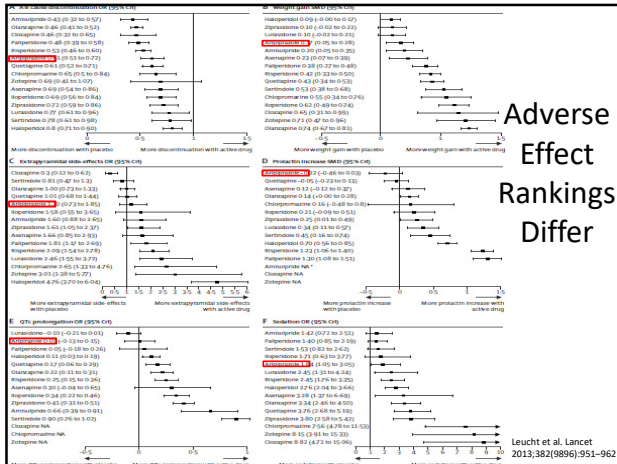
Results: Among 224 (23.7%) of 945 readmitted patients, psychiatric readmission was significantly associated with age ($P = .0029$), length of stay ($P = .036$), schizophrenia/schizoaffective disorder ($P < .0001$), dementia ($P = .027$), major depressive disorder ($P = .0006$), treatment with atypical antipsychotic drugs ($P = .0054$), electroconvulsive therapy ($P < .0001$), and BMI ($P = .0079$), but not with physical comorbidities and routine laboratory data. The independent predictors of readmission were higher BMI (median = 28.5 kg/m²; odds ratio [OR] = 3.6; CI, 1.2–10.6), a diagnosis of schizophrenia/schizoaffective disorder (OR = 2.2; CI, 1.5–3.4), clozapine treatment (OR = 2.8; CI, 1.1–6.9), no electroconvulsive therapy (OR = 0.13; CI, 0.02–0.45), and shorter length of stay (median = 18 days; OR = 0.08; CI, 0.01–0.42).

Conclusions: Body mass index was identified, for the first time, as an independent predictor of psychiatric rehospitalization. Enhanced outpatient treatment programs for overweight and obese psychiatric patients might influence readmission rates and should be explored in prospective studies.

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Conclusions

- Schizophrenia is a severe disorder that often has a chronic and debilitating course
- Due to lack of reliable intra-individual response predictors, antipsychotic choice needs to be tailored to patient characteristics and needs
- Efficacy differences are considerably smaller and less predictable than adverse effect differences (except for clozapine in refractory patients)
- Long-term outcomes, including tolerability, are significant determinants in individualized treatment
- Maintenance treatment and relapse prevention are preminent goals to improve outcomes
- Quality of life and subjective well-being need to be targeted and studied more

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