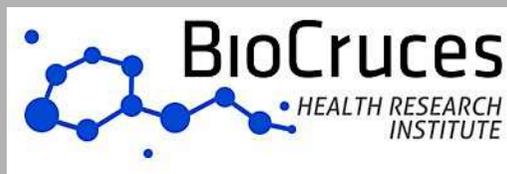


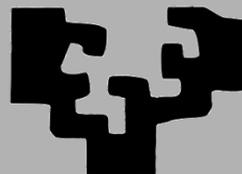
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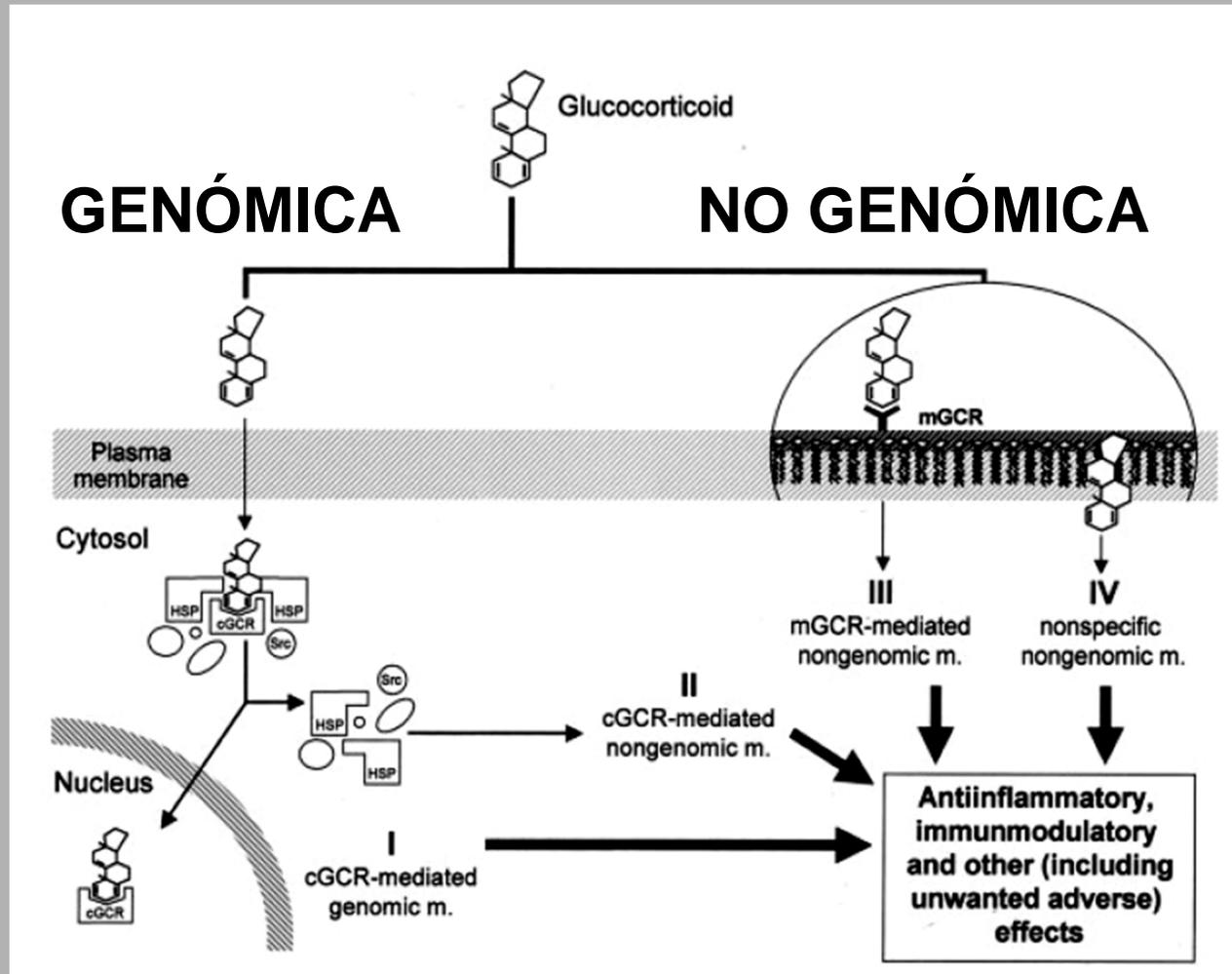


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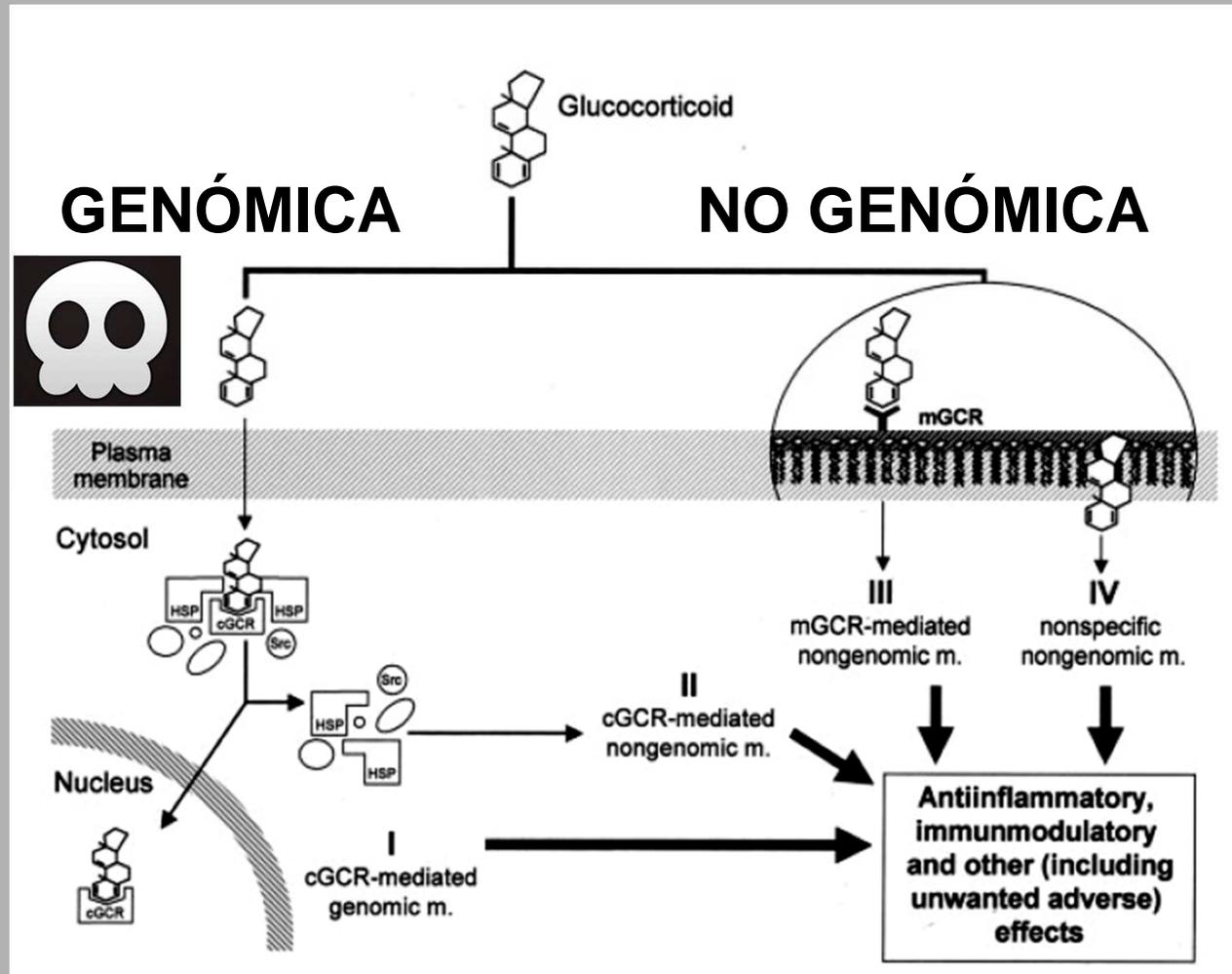


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# DOSIS DE PREDNISONA Y EFECTO

**Dosis bajas: Hasta 7.5 mg/día**

SATURACIÓN VIA GENÓMICA <50%

**Dosis medias: Hasta 30 mg/día**

**Dosis altas: > 30 mg/día**

EFECTOS GENÓMICOS MÁXIMOS



**Dosis muy altas:  $\geq$  100 mg/día**

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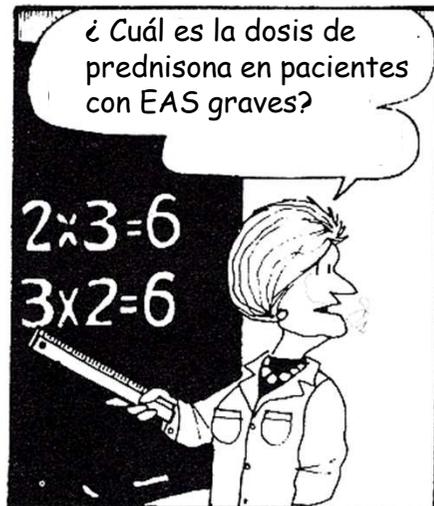
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**Table 5.** Relative risk of damage in SLE associated with cumulative prednisone, high-dose prednisone, and pulse methylprednisolone

Damage item	Cumulative prednisone*		High dose prednisone†		Pulse methylprednisolone‡	
	Adjusted RR (95% CI)	P	Adjusted RR (95% CI)	P	Adjusted RR (95% CI)	P
Osteoporotic fracture	2.5 (1.7, 3.7)	0.0001	0.8 (0.7, 1.0)	0.08	1.3 (1.0, 1.8)	0.07
Coronary artery disease	1.7 (1.1, 2.5)	0.008	1.0 (0.8, 1.2)	0.9	1.1 (0.7, 1.8)	0.8
Cataracts	1.9 (1.4, 2.5)	0.0001	0.9 (0.8, 1.1)	0.3	1.0 (0.7, 1.4)	0.9
Avascular necrosis	1.1 (0.8, 1.5)	0.6	1.2 (1.1, 1.4)	0.0002	1.2 (0.9, 1.6)	0.2
Stroke	0.9 (0.5, 1.5)	0.7	1.2 (1.0, 1.5)	0.02	0.9 (0.5, 1.5)	0.7
Diabetes mellitus	1.4 (0.8, 2.4)	0.2	1.0 (0.9, 1.3)	0.5	0.8 (0.4, 1.6)	0.6
Hypertension	1.0 (0.7, 1.3)	0.9	1.1 (0.9, 1.2)	0.3	1.0 (0.8, 1.3)	0.9
Pulmonary fibrosis	1.6 (1.0, 2.8)	0.1	1.1 (0.8, 1.3)	0.7	0.7 (0.3, 1.9)	0.5
Venous insufficiency	1.1 (0.5, 2.1)	0.9	1.1 (0.9, 1.5)	0.4	No events	–
Cognitive impairment/psychosis	1.3 (0.6, 2.9)	0.5	1.1 (0.9, 1.4)	0.3	1.5 (1.1, 2.0)	0.02
Renal failure	1.3 (0.8, 2.1)	0.3	1.0 (0.8, 1.2)	0.7	1.3 (0.8, 2.0)	0.3
Joint deformity/erosion	1.2 (0.8, 1.7)	0.4	0.9 (0.8, 1.1)	0.5	1.3 (0.9, 1.8)	0.1
Scarring alopecia	1.5 (0.9, 2.6)	0.1	0.7 (0.4, 1.1)	0.09	1.2 (0.8, 1.7)	0.4
Pulmonary hypertension	0.7 (0.3, 1.5)	0.4	1.2 (0.9, 1.5)	0.3	1.0 (0.5, 1.8)	0.9
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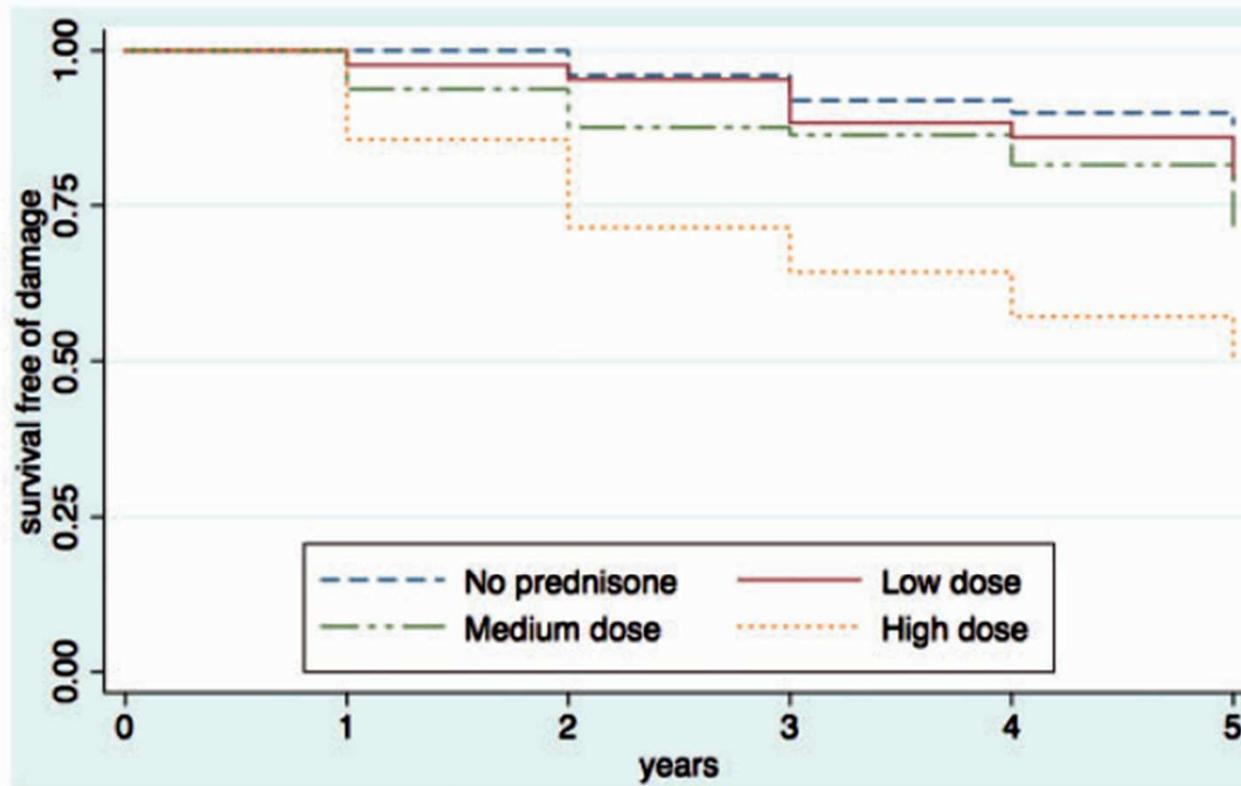
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**TABLE 5** Prednisone dose category and damage accrual at 5 years: multivariable analysis

		Any damage at year 5 <sup>a</sup> , OR (95% CI)	Glucocorticoid-related damage at year 5 <sup>b</sup> , OR (95% CI)
Prednisone-4 dose category	No prednisone	Reference	Reference
	Low dose	1.65 (0.53, 5.10)	1.71 (0.17, 17)
	Medium-high dose	5.39 (1.59, 18.27)	9.9 (1.1, 84)

<sup>a</sup>Adjusted by gender, age at diagnosis, calendar year of diagnosis, mean SLEDAI, presence of early damage, proliferative nephritis and months on antimalarials at the end of the fourth year. <sup>b</sup>Adjusted by gender, age at diagnosis, weeks on vitamin D at the end of fourth year, aPL and calendar year of diagnosis. OR: odds ratio; prednisone-4: prednisone at the end of the fourth year of follow-up.

**FIG. 1** Kaplan–Meier survival free-of-damage curves according to prednisone dose received during the first year of follow-up



Low dose:  $\leq 7.5$  mg/day; medium dose:  $\leq 30$  mg/day;  
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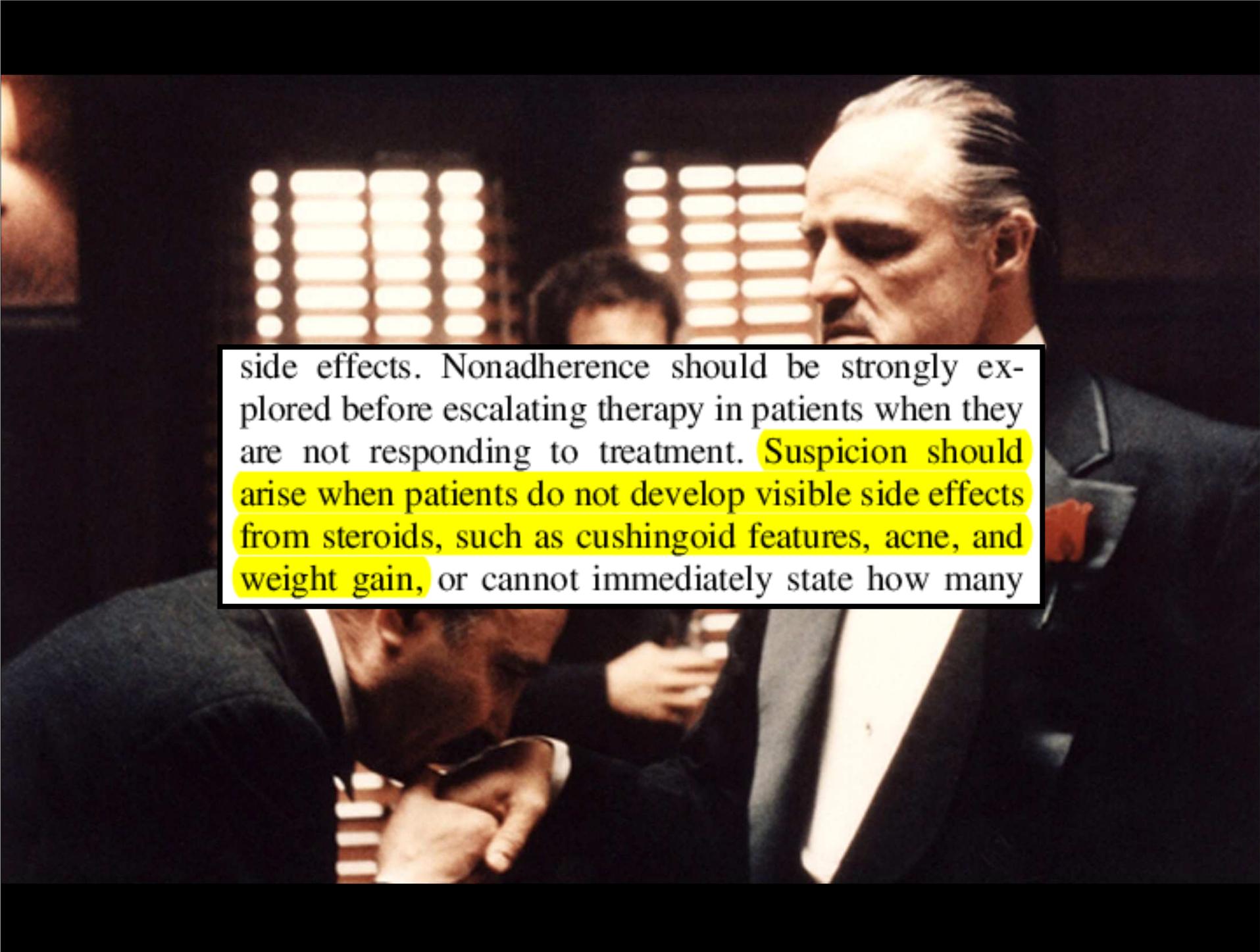
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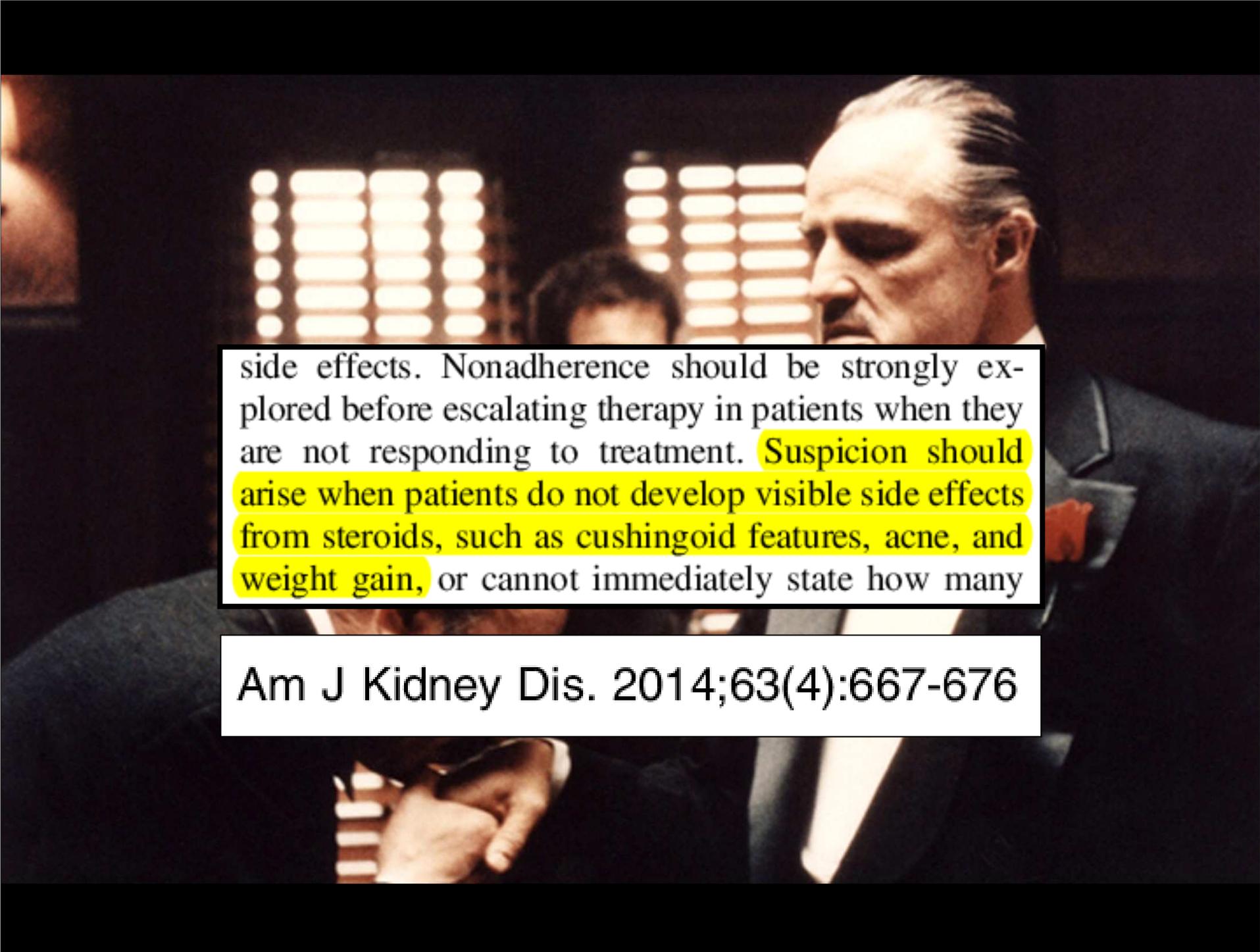
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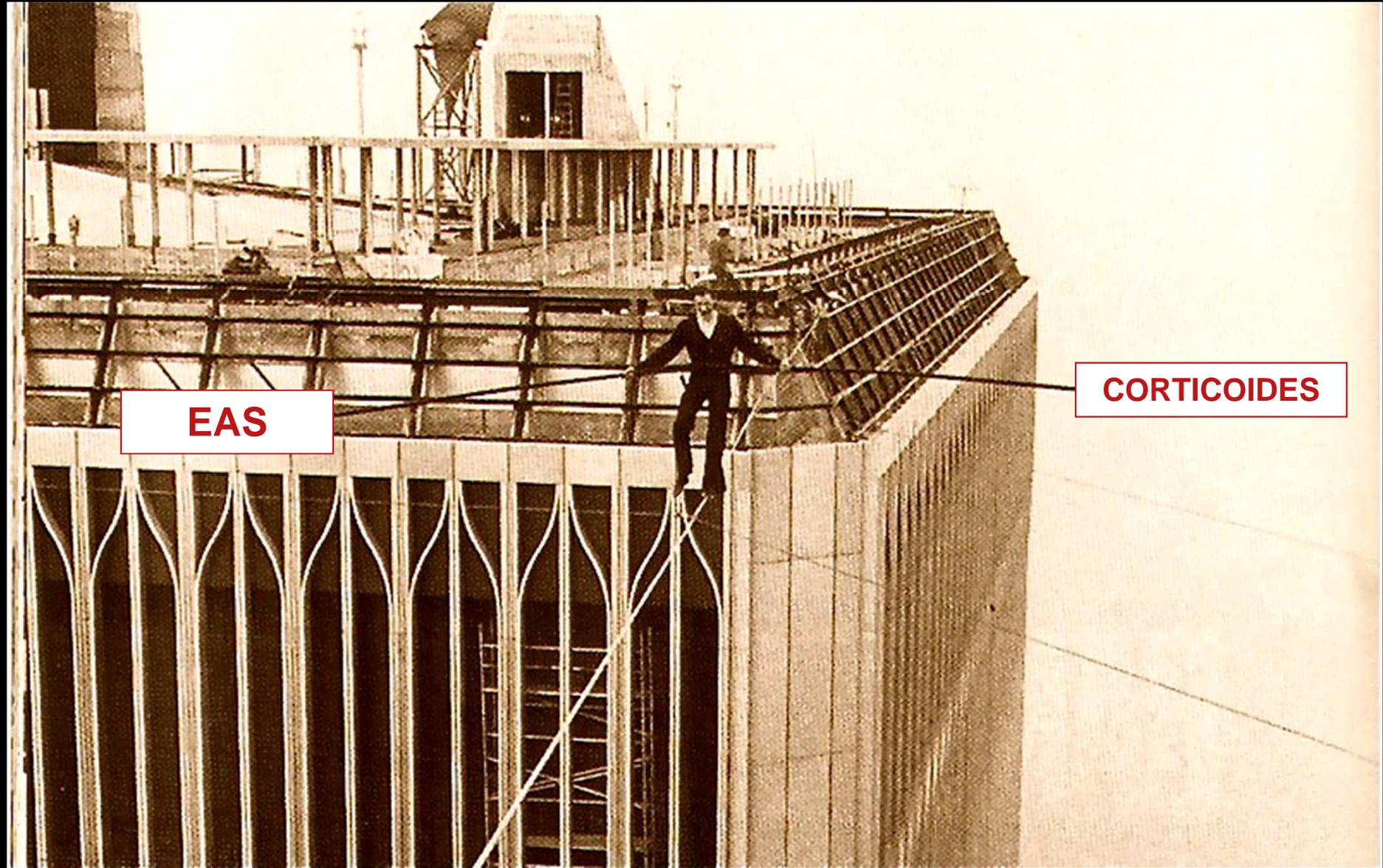


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**EAS**

**CORTICOIDES**

## Graham Hughes. Clin Rheum Dis 1982



..aggressive treatment of these patients leads to a greater morbidity from treatment than from the underlying disease.

..attempts at dosage reduction following the initial high dose given for active disease should be conscientious.

**PAPER**

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**EXTENDED REPORT**

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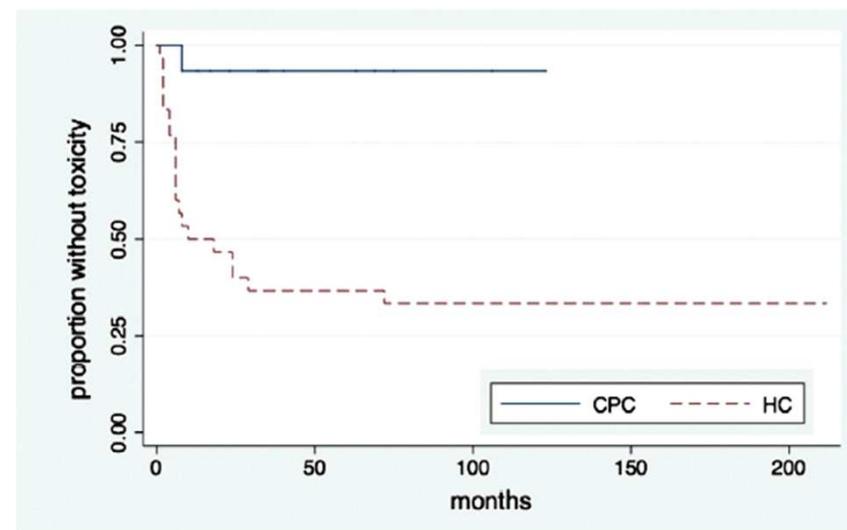


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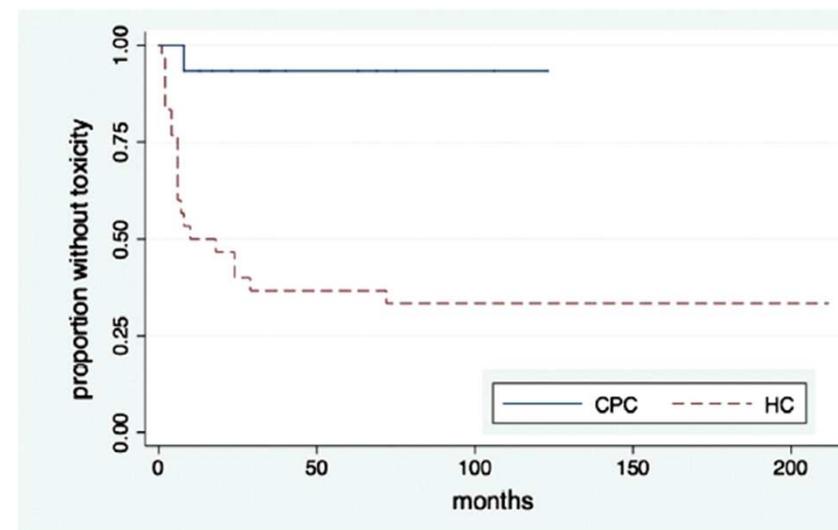
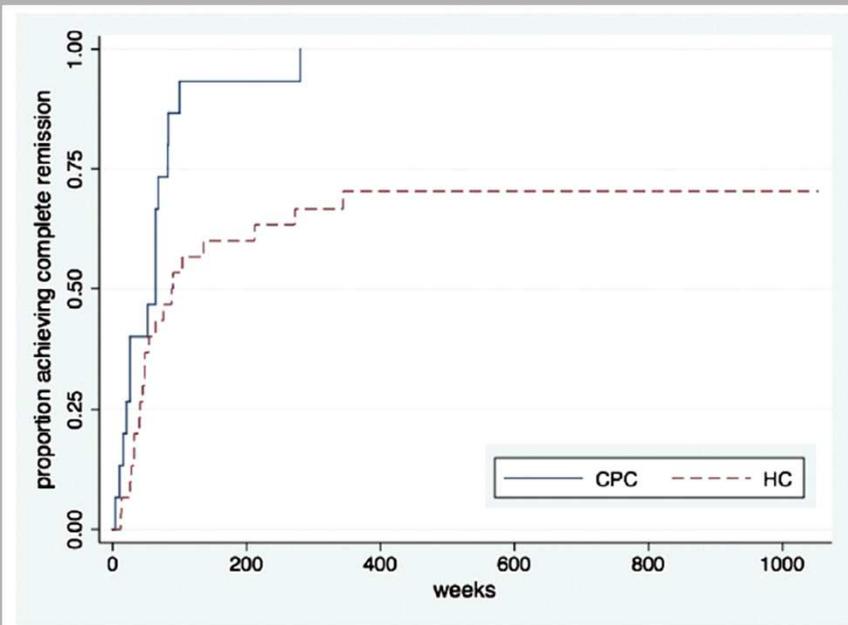
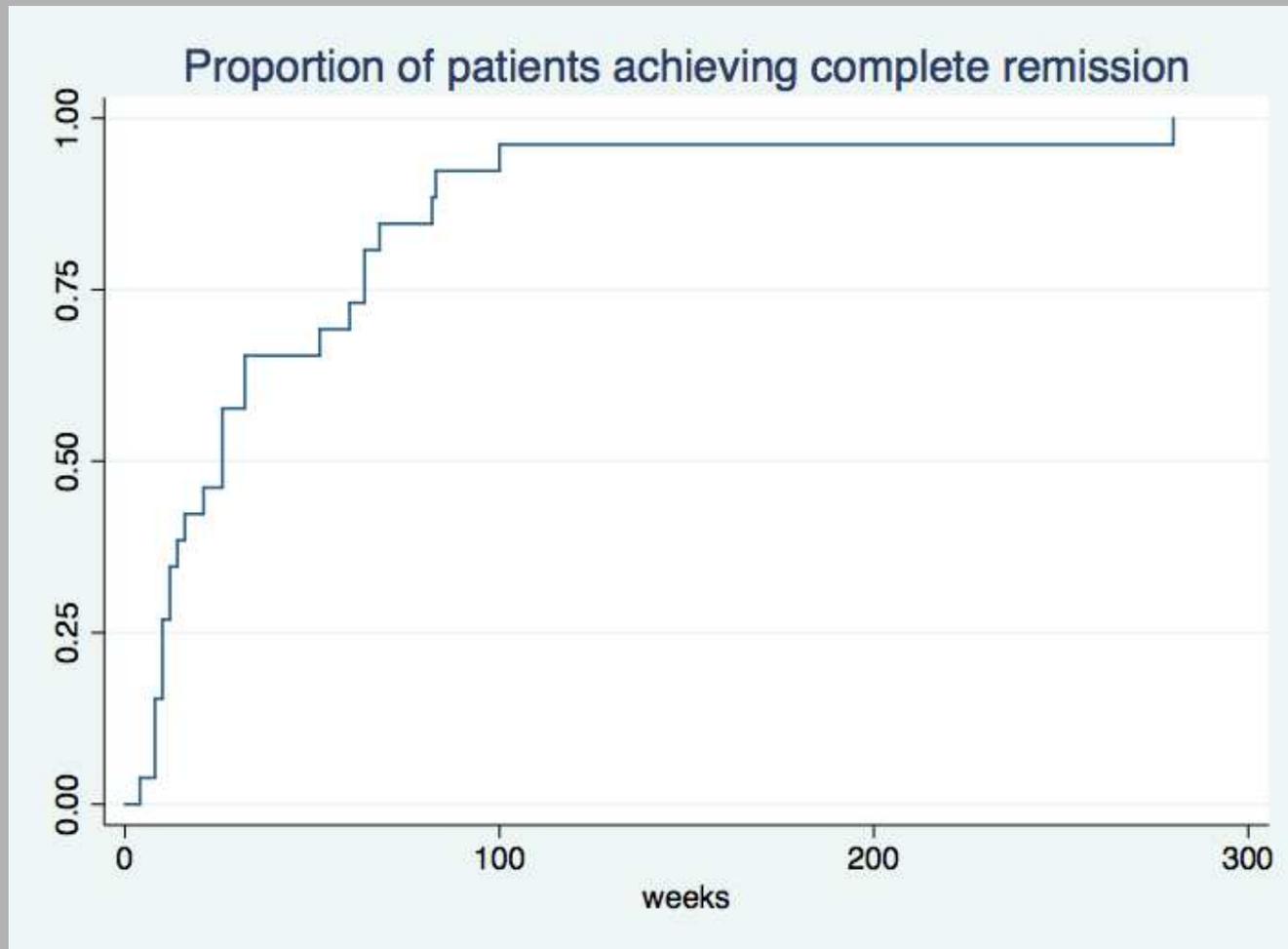


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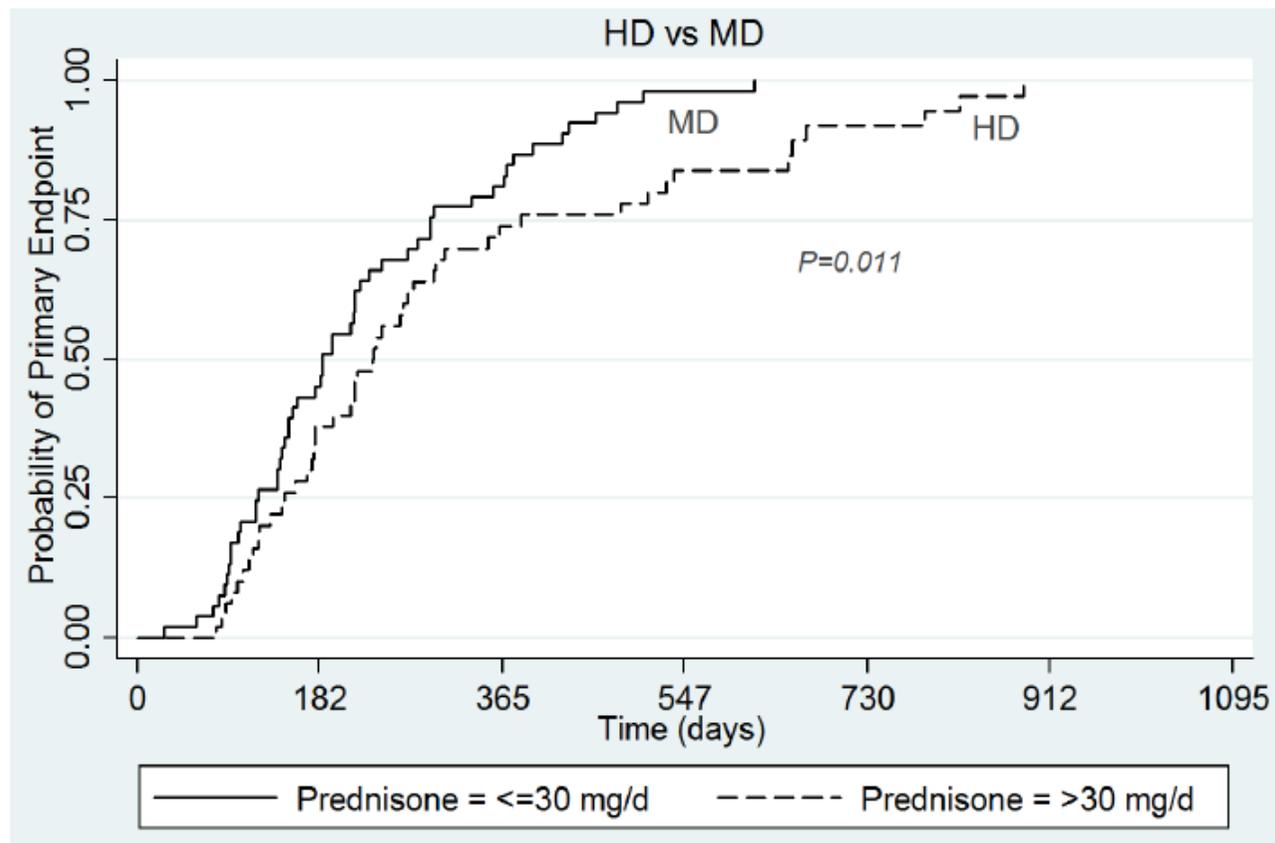


**n = 26**

**Efectos adversos asociados a corticoides = 2 (DM, aumento de peso)**

# Y PARECIDO EN ARTERITIS TEMPORAL

**FIG. 1** Kaplan-Meier probability of achieving clinical and biological remission while receiving  $\leq 7.5$  mg/day of prednisone in MD and HD groups.



# LA RECETA



**Hidroxicloroquina SIEMPRE en LES**

**Pulsos de Urbasón (125, 250, 500) en situaciones agudas**

**En formas graves, dosis iniciales de prednisona en torno a 20-30 mg/día Y NUNCA MÁS DE 30 mg/día**

**Descenso rápido y mantenimiento 2.5-5 mg/día**

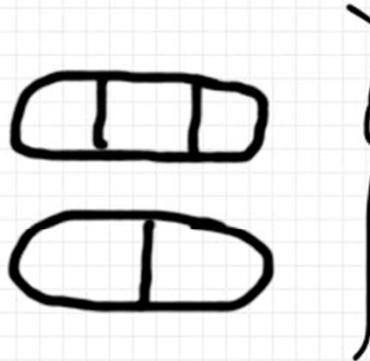
**2.5-5 mg/día suficientes en brotes leve-moderados**

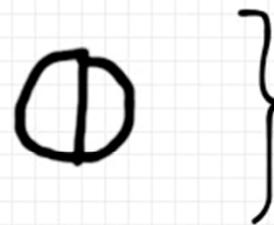
**Asociar inmunosupresores de forma precoz:**

- Brotes graves**
- Dosis de mantenimiento > 5 mg/día**

**Biológicos si la cosa no va**

# LA PASTILLA DE DACONTIN

 } 30, 20, 15, 10

 } 7.5, 5, 2.5

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**Lupus eritematoso sistémico dignosticado en marzo 2013:**

- Síndrome nefrótico, hipocomplementemia, anti-DNA**
- Biopsia renal: NL clase IV**

**HCQ 200, Prednisona 50 mg/d, MMF 500-0-500**

**Mes y medio despues MMF 1000-0-1000**







**Y la nefritis....**

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- . Hb 8**
- . C3 y C4 normales**
- . Albumina 1.7**
- . IgG total 162**
- . Proteinuria 9.8 gr/24h**

# Qué hicimos:

- **M-Pred 250 x3**
- **IGIV**
- **Prednisona 30, 20, 15, 10 (cada 2 semanas)**
- **CFM 500 + M-Pred 125 (cada 2 semanas)**
- **HCQ**
- **IECAS**

# **Julio-2013**

**Pred 10, CFM 500 x 4, etc...**

- . Hb 11**
- . C3 y C4 normales**
- . Albumina 3.8**
- . Pr/Cr 0.41**

# **Septiembre-2014**

**Pred 2.5, MMF 1000-0-1000, HCQ 200**

- . Hb 12.1**
- . C3 y C4 normales**
- . Albumina 4.6**
- . Pr/Cr 0.08**

**22 year old girl**

**SLE presenting in July 2009:**

- **Widespread rash and alopecia**
- **Severe oral ulcers**
- **Severe class IV lupus nephritis**

**Urine Pr/Cr 3.46**

**Serum albumina 2.2**

**anti-DNA highly positive**

**C3 20, C4 3**

**SLEDAI = 15**

**M-Prednisolone 250x3**

**Prednisone 30, 20, 15, 10 (every two weeks), 7.5, 5 (every 4 weeks)**

**HCQ**

**Cyclophosphamide 500 mg (+ m-pred 125) fortnightly x9, then MMF**

**Calcium + vitamin D**

**Enalapril**

**AT SIX MONTHS:**

**Pr/Cr 0.56**

**Serum albumin 4**

**C3 92, C4 12**

**No smoking, normal blood pressure**

**SLEDAI = 2**

**AT SIX MONTHS:**

**Mean dose of prednisone 9 mg/d**

**No GC-related side effects**

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**TODAY:**

**Prednisone 2.5 mg/d, HCQ, MMF**

**LN in complete remission**

**SDI = 0**