



**Quali risultati ci  
possiamo  
ragionevolmente  
attendere dai topici?**

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### Guidelines of care for the management of acne vulgaris

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## Differences

- ✓ Three different grading system
- ✓ General recommendations not described as first-line and second-line therapy but as strength of recommendation, (high, medium and low)
- ✓ Topica dapsona is one of the option for second-line treatment for mild acne
- ✓ Included Complementary/ alternative therapy
- ✓ Low dose of systemic isotretinoin is one option for maintenance treatment
- ✓ ...



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## Induction therapy

### Summary of therapeutic recommendations<sup>1</sup> for induction therapy



	Comedonal acne <sup>3</sup>	Mild to moderate papulopustular acne	Severe papulopustular/moderate nodular acne	Severe nodular/conglobate acne <sup>13</sup>
High strength of recommendation	-	Adapalene + BPO (f.c.) or BPO + Clindamycin (f.c.) <sup>5</sup>	Isotretinoin	Isotretinoin
Medium strength of recommendation	Topical retinoid <sup>4</sup>	Azelaic acid or BPO or Topical Retinoid <sup>4</sup> or Topical Clindamycin + Tretinoin (f.c.) <sup>5,6</sup>	Systemic Antibiotic <sup>5,8</sup> + Adapalene <sup>9</sup> or Systemic Antibiotic <sup>5,8</sup> + Azelaic acid <sup>10</sup> or Systemic Antibiotic <sup>5,8</sup> + Adapalene + BPO (f.c.)	Systemic Antibiotic <sup>5,8</sup> + Azelaic Acid or Systemic Antibiotic <sup>5,8</sup> + Adapalene + BPO (f.c.)
Low strength of recommendation	Azelaic acid or BPO	or Systemic Antibiotic <sup>5,7,8</sup> + Adapalene <sup>9</sup> or Blue Light or Oral Zinc or Systemic Antibiotic <sup>5,7,8</sup> + Azelaic Acid <sup>10</sup> or Systemic Antibiotic <sup>5,7,8</sup> + Adapalene + BPO (f.c.) <sup>11</sup> or Systemic Antibiotic <sup>5,7,8</sup> + BPO <sup>12</sup> or Topical Erythromycin + Isotretinoin (f.c.) <sup>5</sup> or Topical Erythromycin + Tretinoin (f.c.) <sup>5</sup>	Systemic Antibiotic <sup>5,8</sup> + BPO <sup>12</sup>	Systemic Antibiotic <sup>5,8</sup> + Adapalene <sup>9,11</sup> or Systemic Antibiotics <sup>5,8</sup> + BPO <sup>11</sup>
Alternatives for females <sup>2</sup>	-	-	Hormonal Anti-androgens + Systemic Antibiotic <sup>5,8</sup> + Topicals (apart from antibiotics) or Hormonal Anti-androgens + Topical Treatment (apart from antibiotics)	Hormonal Anti-androgens + Systemic Antibiotic <sup>5,8</sup> + Topicals (apart from antibiotics) or Hormonal Anti-androgens + Topical Treatment (apart from antibiotics)

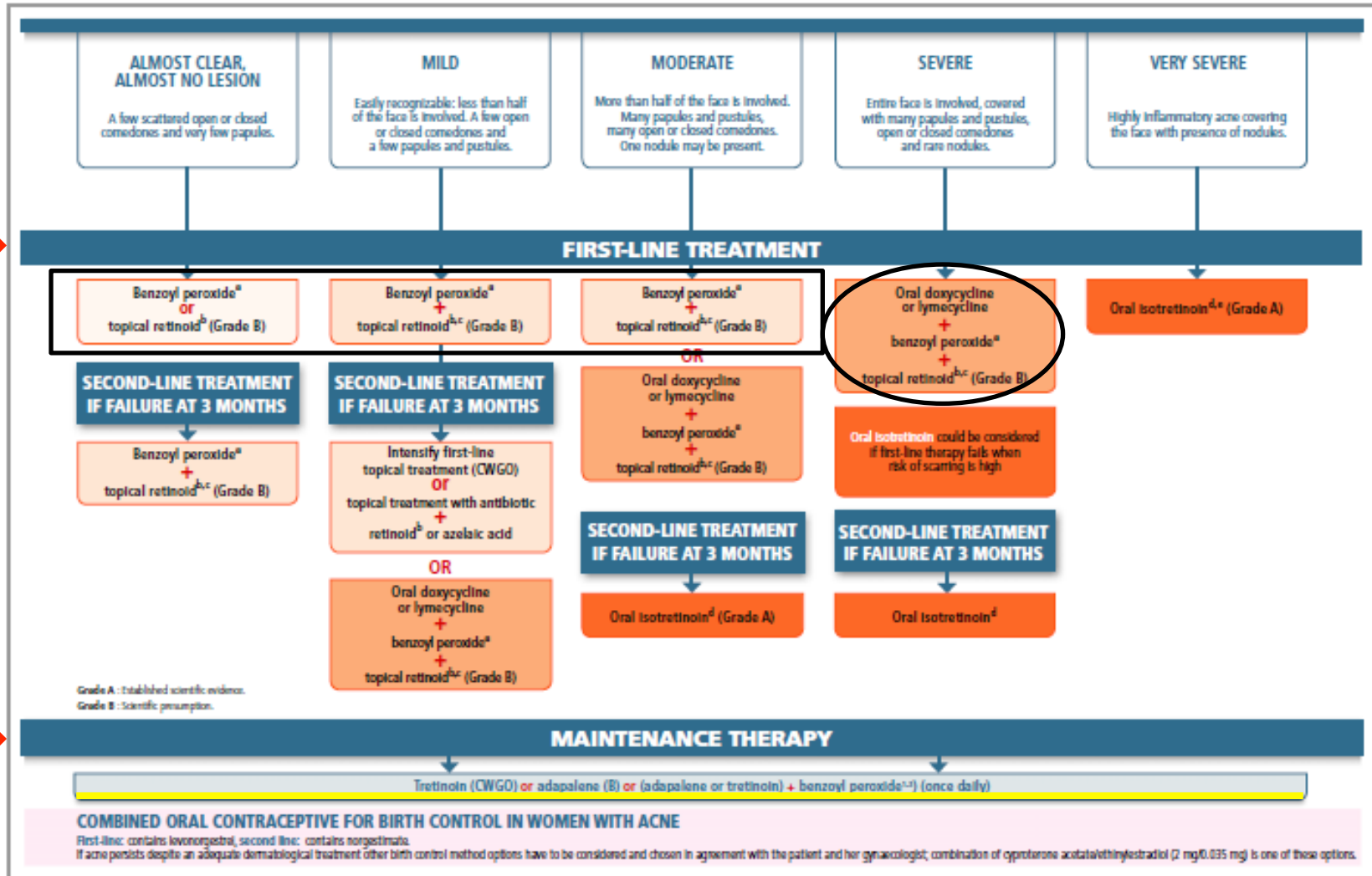


## Maintenance therapy

	Comedonal acne	Mild to moderate papulopustular acne	Severe papulopustular/moderate nodular acne	Severe nodular/conglobate acne
High strength of recommendation	-	-	-	-
Medium strength of recommendation	-	-	-	-
Low strength of recommendation	Azelaic Acid or Topical Retinoid <sup>2</sup>	Azelaic Acid or BPO or Topical Retinoid <sup>2</sup>	Adapalene + BPO (f.c.) <sup>3</sup> or Azelaic Acid or BPO <sup>3</sup> or Low Dose Systemic Isotretinoin (max. 0.3 mg/kg/day) or Topical Retinoid <sup>2</sup>	Adapalene + BPO (f.c.) <sup>3</sup> or Azelaic Acid or BPO <sup>3</sup> or Low Dose Systemic Isotretinoin (max. 0.3 mg/kg/day) or Topical Retinoid <sup>2</sup>
Alternatives for females <sup>1</sup>	-	-	Continued Hormonal Anti-androgens <sup>4</sup> + Topical Treatment (apart from antibiotics)	Continued Hormonal Anti-androgens <sup>4</sup> + Topical Treatment (apart from antibiotics)

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	Mild	Moderate	Severe
1st Line Treatment	<p>Benzoyl Peroxide (BP) or Topical Retinoid</p> <p>-or-</p> <p>Topical Combination Therapy**</p> <p>BP + Antibiotic or Retinoid + BP or Retinoid + BP + Antibiotic</p>	<p>Topical Combination Therapy**</p> <p>BP + Antibiotic or Retinoid + BP or Retinoid + BP + Antibiotic</p> <p>-or-</p> <p>Oral Antibiotic + Topical Retinoid + BP</p> <p>-or-</p> <p>Oral Antibiotic + Topical Retinoid + BP + Topical Antibiotic</p>	<p>Oral Antibiotic + Topical Combination Therapy**</p> <p>BP + Antibiotic or Retinoid + BP or Retinoid + BP + Antibiotic</p> <p>-or-</p> <p>Oral Isotretinoin</p>
Alternative Treatment	<p>Add Topical Retinoid or BP (if not on already)</p> <p>-or-</p> <p>Consider Alternate Retinoid</p> <p>-or-</p> <p>Consider Topical Dapsone</p>	<p>Consider Alternate Combination Therapy</p> <p>-or-</p> <p>Consider Change in Oral Antibiotic</p> <p>-or-</p> <p>Add Combined Oral Contraceptive or Oral Spironolactone (Females)</p> <p>-or-</p> <p>Consider Oral Isotretinoin</p>	<p>Consider Change in Oral Antibiotic</p> <p>-or-</p> <p>Add Combined Oral Contraceptive or Oral Spironolactone (Females)</p> <p>-or-</p> <p>Consider Oral Isotretinoin</p>

# Acne: terapia topica



## recommendation

- ✓ Sempre terapia topica tranne se isotretinoina
- ✓ Terapia topica anche nel mantenimento

## Negative recommendation

- ✓ *No antibiotici topici in acne comedonica*
- ✓ *Mai antibiotici topici in monoterapia*
- ✓ *In acne papulo-pustolosa severa/nodulare moderata/nodulare severa/ acne conglobata **NON** solo terapia topica (anche se combinata in triplice terapia)*
- ✓ *No monoterapia topica in acne severa anche se associata a terapia antibiotica sistemica*
- ✓ *Antibiotici topici in monoterapia o terapia combinata **mai** nel mantenimento*



# Topical treatment for acne

## **Acido azelaico 20%**

- ✓ Proprietà: antinfiammatorio, antiossidante, antimicrobico, comedolitico, cheratolitico, depigmentante
- ✓ Effetti avversi: prurito, bruciore, disestesie
- ✓ No farmacoresistenza
- ✓ No DAC

## **Perossido di benzoile (BPD) 2,5-5%**

- ✓ Antimicrobico lipofilo
- ✓ BPD → Acido benzoico + perossido di idrogeno → ROS
- ✓ No farmacoresistenza, previene l'antibioticoresistenza
- ✓ BPO 4% gel comparabile a adapalene 0,1% gel (↓lesioni infiammatorie e non infiammatorie)
- ✓ Effetti avversi: DIC, bianca tessuti e capelli, ...DAC



# Topical treatment for acne

## **Antibiotici:**

- ✓ Eritromicina 2-4%, clindamicina 1%
- ✓ Proprietà: antibatteriche, antinfiammatorie
- ✓ Ottima tollerabilità
- ✓ Sviluppo di farmacoresistenza

## **Dapsone 5%:**

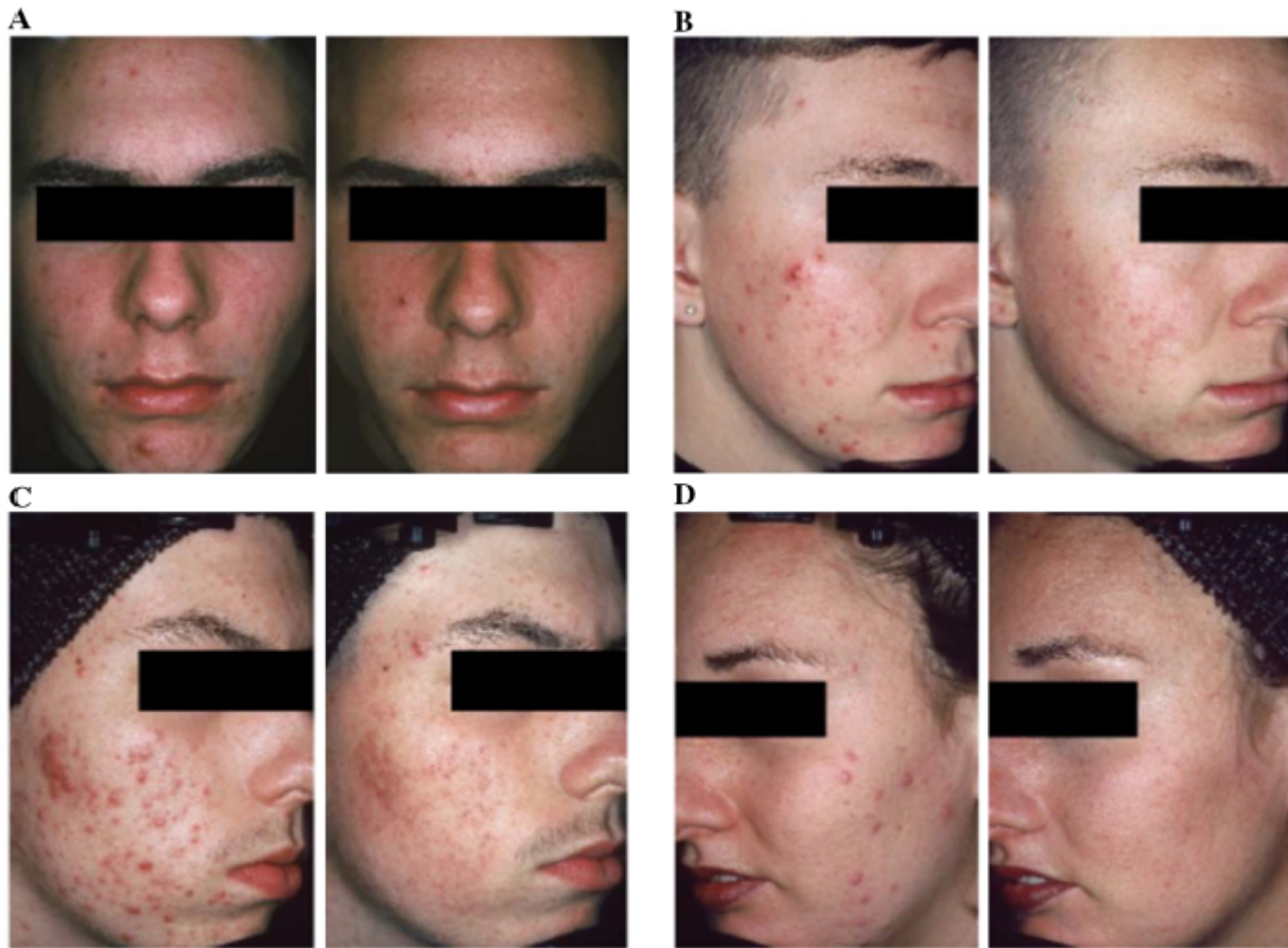
- ✓ USA, nell'acne della donna adulta
- ✓ Antimicrobico, antinfiammatorio
- ✓ Sicuro ed efficace nella terapia a lungo termine / nel mantenimento
- ✓ Farmacoresistenza non nota
- ✓ Effetti avversi: xerosi, irritazione modesta
- ✓ Classe di rischio C

«**Retinoids** are the core of topical therapy for acne»

Zaenglein et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol* 2016;74:945–73.e33

**tretinoina 0,025-0,05%, isotretinoina 0,05%,  
adapalene 0,1-0,3%, tazarotene 0,1%**

- ↓ proliferazione dei cheratinociti e né favoriscono la differenziazione, azione **anticomedogena e comedolitica**.
- **Bloccano importanti pathways infiammatori** (↓ espressione dei Toll-like receptor, ↓ rilascio di citochine, inibizione chemiotassi leucocitaria)
- ↓ **l'iperpigmentazione post infiammatoria** (accelerato il turnover cellulare ed inibizione del trasferimento dei melanosomi ai cheratinociti)
- Azione indiretta contro P. acnes



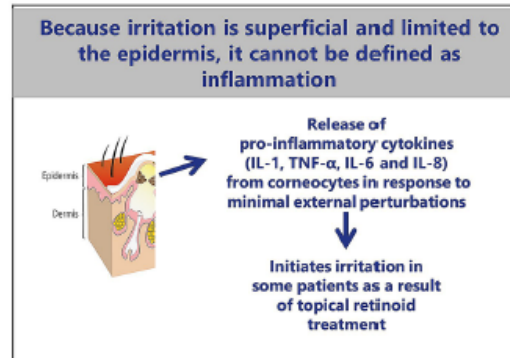
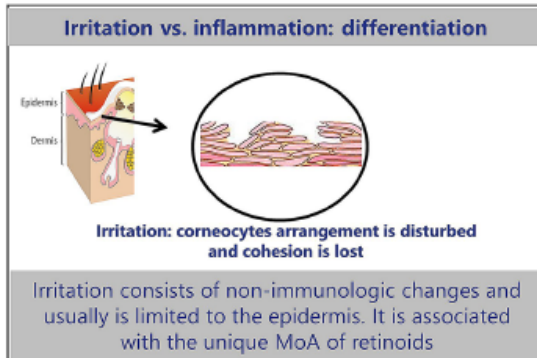
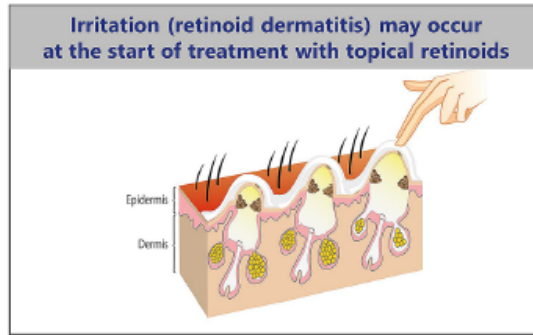
**Fig. 3** Clinical efficacy of topical retinoid monotherapy on inflammatory lesions after 12 or 15 weeks therapy. From Leyden et al. [37]

# *Retinoids*

- ✓ **Efficacia dipendente da: molecola, concentrazione, veicolo, idratazione**
  - Tretinoina 0,1% vs 0,025%: riduzione microcomedoni -80% vs -35%
  - Efficacia comparabile: Tretinoina 0,025 gel, tretinoina 0,1% microsfere gel, tretinoina 0,05% crema, adapalene 0,1% gel o crema, isotretinoina 0,05% gel.
  - Tazarotene 0,1% più efficace, più irritante
- ✓ **Effetti collaterali:** eritema, xerosi, desquamazione, irritazione, prurito, bruciore
- ✓ **Categoria di rischio C, isotretinoina e tazarotene categoria X**
- ✓ **< 12 aa uso off-label con eccezioni...**Tretinoina gel 0,05% dai 9 anni di età; Adapalene 0,1% + BPO 2,5% dai 10 anni

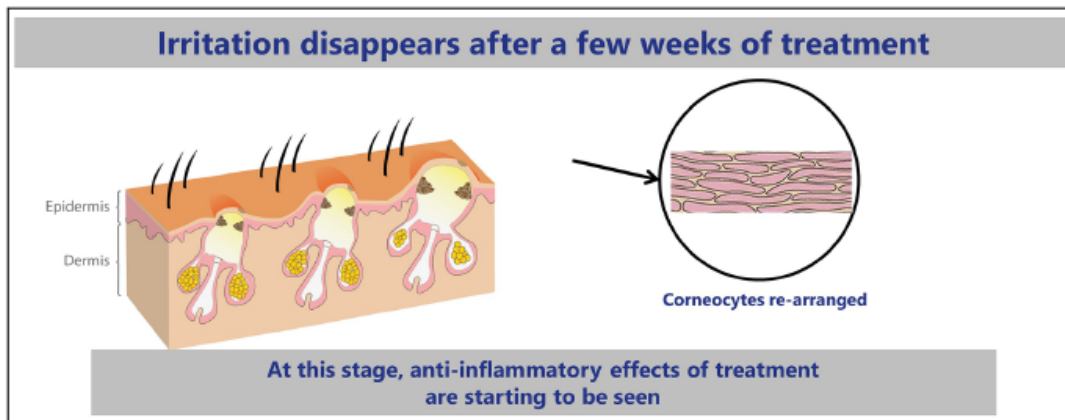
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## Week 1



B

## Weeks 2-4



**Table 1** Strategies to minimize tolerability issues [7, 53, 69]

Take a detailed patient history

Past tolerability problems?

Educate patient

Mild irritation can be part of the treatment process, but usually subsides within 1–2 weeks and can be managed with appropriate steps

How to apply the retinoid in a thin layer (fingertip or pea-sized dose)

Gentle cleansing regimen and avoiding over-cleansing

Select most tolerable retinoid formulation for climate and season

Titrate retinoid dose at initiation

Apply retinoid every other day for first 2–4 weeks (based on clinical trial evidence that this is when irritation is most likely to occur)

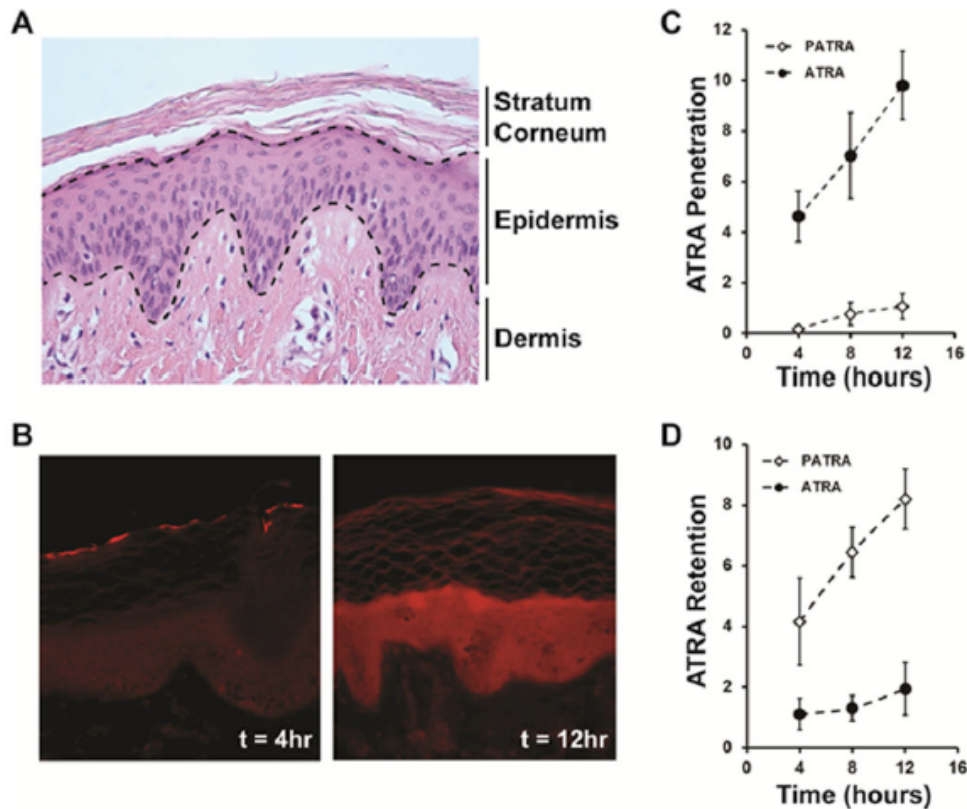
Apply a gentle, non-comedogenic moisturizer

Use a short contact method for the first 2–4 weeks (apply retinoid to full face for 30–60 min then wash off)

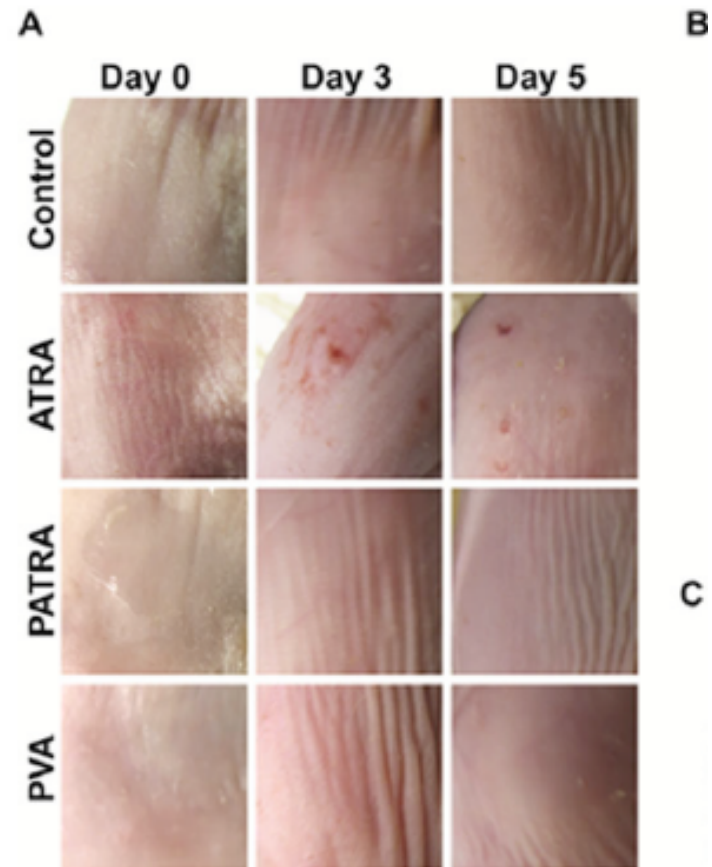
**Fig. 4** Changes over time in the skin with retinoid therapy, differentiating transient irritation versus inflammation. *MoA* mechanism of action, *IL* interleukin, *TNF* tumor necrosis factor







**Figure 6. Uptake and transport of ATRA in explant pig skin**  
 (a) Histological appearance of pig dermis. (b) Uptake of fluorescently labeled PATRA after 4 and 12 hours of exposure. Uptake is seen to significantly increase over this time and accumulate within the epidermis. (c) Fraction penetration of ATRA through pig dermis followed over 12 hours. (d) Quantification of fraction of ATRA accumulated within the pig dermis over 12 hours of exposure. Data shown is mean  $\pm$  S.D., n=4.



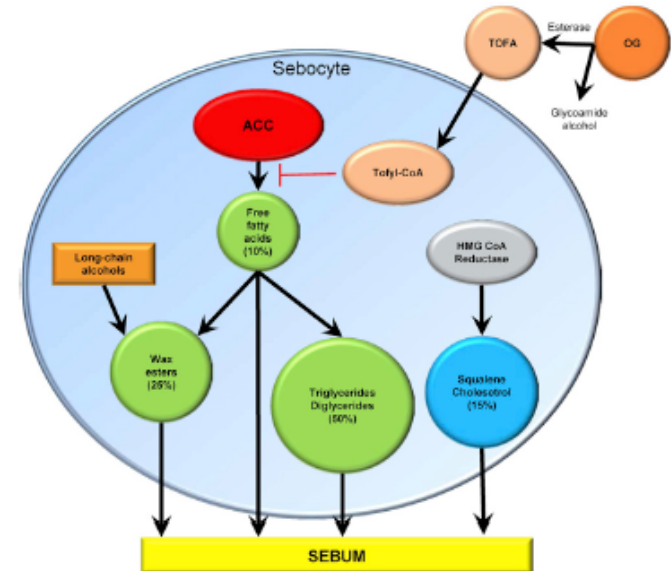
**Figure 7. Reaction to ATRA application to the dermis**  
 (a) Digital imaging of mouse dermis 0, 3, and 5 days post-application. (b) Histological sections of treated mouse dermis. Changes in epidermal and stratum corneum thickness are clearly observed due to bolus administration of ATRA. These changes are not observed in other treatment groups. (c-d) Quantification of histological findings for the treatment groups after five days. Data shown are mean  $\pm$  S.D., n = 4.

- ✓ Ridotta in vivo flogosi/irritazione in sede di applicazione
- ✓ Aumentata in vivo la concentrazione nell'epidermide di PATRA



# Inhibition of Sebum Production with the Acetyl Coenzyme A Carboxylase Inhibitor Olumacostat Glasaretil.

- Inhibitor of acetyl coenzyme A carboxylase (ACC) enzyme that controls fatty acid biosynthesis
- 80% of human sebum components contain fatty acids



- ✓ OG inhibited in vitro human sebocyte lipid production
- ✓ OG Decreases in vivo sebaceous gland size in hamster ears
- ✓ OG mediated sebum suppression may reduce *Propionibacterium acnes* growth and biofilm formation, comedogenesis, and inflammation.

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# Olumacostat glasaretil, a novel topical sebum inhibitor, in the treatment of acne vulgaris: A phase IIa, multicenter, randomized, vehicle-controlled study



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**OBJECTIVES:** Safety and efficacy of OG 7.5% gel were evaluated in patients with moderate to severe facial acne vulgaris.

**METHODS:** Patients were randomized (1:1) to twice-daily application of OG or vehicle for 12 weeks.

## **RESULTS:**

A total of 108 patients received OG (n = 53) or vehicle (n = 55);

At week 12, OG treatment showed greater reductions from baseline in inflammatory lesions (-63.9% vs -45.9%; P = .0006) and noninflammatory lesions (-48.1% vs -28.8%; P = .0025),

**CONCLUSION:** OG was well tolerated and showed evidence of efficacy, suggesting further development is warranted

## Anti-acne drugs in phase 1 and 2 clinical trials

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### *23 innovative topical compounds*

**Table 2.** Mechanism of actions of innovative investigational drugs for acne treatment (alphabetic order).

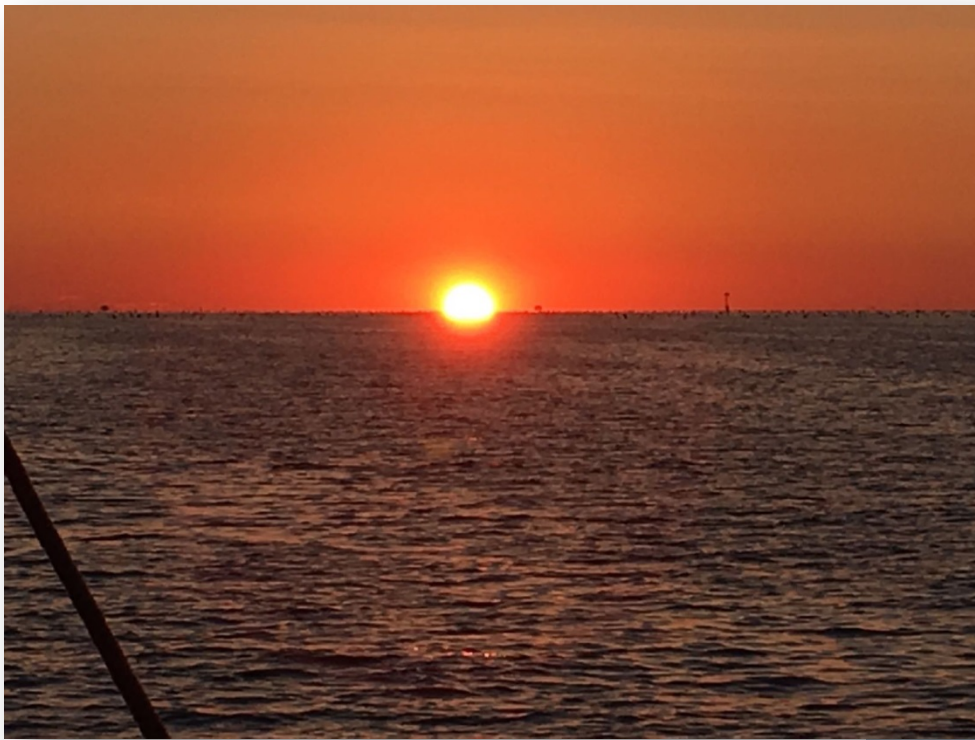
Drug	Mechanisms of action
<b>Topical</b>	
ADPS (sodium 3-(ethyl(3-methoxyphenyl)amino) propane-1-sulfonate)	Anti-inflammatory agent
ASC-J9	Synthetic androgen receptor degradation enhancer
ANT-1207	Botulinum neurotoxin type A
B244	Ammonia-oxidizing bacteria-based compound
Calcipotriene	Inhibition of sebaceous lipogenesis
CD5789	Retinoic acid receptor- $\gamma$ agonist
Cortexolone 17 $\alpha$ -propionate	Synthetic, steroidal antiandrogen
GSK1940029	Stearoyl-CoA desaturase-1 inhibitor
Ingenol disoxate	PKC activator
JNJ 10229570-AAA	Melanocortin-5 receptor antagonist
Lupeol	Alcoholic, pentacyclic triterpenoid (modulator of NF- $\kappa$ B and PI(3)K/Akt pathways, induces Fas-mediated apoptosis via inhibition of Ras signaling)
MTC896	$\alpha$ -Melanocyte-stimulating hormone mimetic compound
N-Acetyl-GED-0507-34-LEVO	Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor- $\gamma$ modifier
NAI	Semi-synthetic thiopeptide highly selective against <i>P. acnes</i>
Neramexane	N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor antagonist
Next Science Acne Gel	Biofilm matrix degradation
Olumacostat glasaretil	Inhibitor of malonyl-CoA synthesis and fatty acid production
Omiganan pentahydrochloride	Cationic peptide derived from indolicin
SB204	Polymer-based nitric oxide-releasing compound
Timolol	$\beta$ -blocker
TSN 2898	Stearoyl-CoA desaturase-1 inhibitor
Tyrothricin	Mixture of linear and cyclic polypeptides (gramicidine and tyrocidine groups)
XEN801	Stearoyl-CoA desaturase-1 inhibitor

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**Table 1.** Topical investigational drugs in phase 1 or 2 trials for acne.

Study identifier	Title	Phase	Compound	Sponsor	Completion date
<b>Innovative compounds</b>					
NCT02774590	Timolol for the treatment of acne and rosacea	1	Timolol	Johns Hopkins University	Ongoing
2014-001491-62	Clinical efficacy and safety of NAI-acne gel 3% applied twice-a-day to patients with facial acne vulgaris	2	Semi-synthetic thiopeptide highly selective against <i>P. acnes</i>	Naicons	Ongoing
NCT02796066	Safety and efficacy of TSN2898 in the treatment of acne vulgaris	2	TSN2898	Thesan	2017
NCT02720627	An evaluation of the adrenal suppression potential and PK of CB-03-01 cream in pediatric patients with acne vulgaris	2	Cortexolone 17 $\alpha$ -propionate	Cassiopea	2017
NCT02656043	A safety, tolerability, efficacy and exposure study of XEN801 topical gel	2	XPF-005 (active compound XEN801)	Xenon	2017
NCT02832063	Clinical trial in subjects with mild to moderate acne vulgaris	2/3	B244	AOBiome	2017
2016-000540-33	A double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled clinical study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of N-Acetyl-GED-0507-34-LEVO gel, 1 and 2%, applied once daily for 12 weeks in patients with mild to moderate facial acne vulgaris	2	N-Acetyl-GED-0507-34-LEVO	PPM	2017
NCT02571998	A study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of omiganan (CLS001) Topical gel versus vehicle in female subjects with moderate to severe acne vulgaris	2	Omiganan pentahydrochloride	Cutanea	2016
NCT02935036	Efficacy study in patients with acne vulgaris	2	Sodium 3-(ethyl(3-methoxyphenyl)amino)propane-1-sulfonate product	Taro	2016
NCT02431052	A dose-ranging study of DRM01 in subjects with acne vulgaris	2b	Olumacostat glasaretil	Dermira	2016
NCT02575950	Explorative trial evaluating the efficacy and tolerability of LEO43204 in moderate to severe acne	2	Ingenol disoxate	LEO	2016
NCT02395549	A study to determine the efficacy of topically applied MTC896 gel in subjects with acne vulgaris	2	MTC896	Mimetica	2016
2013-001716-30	Exploratory, controlled, randomized, observer-blind intra individual clinical trial to evaluate the efficacy and the tolerability of topically applied 0.1% tyrothricin (Tyrosur <sup>®</sup> Gel) in patients with mild to severe facial papulopustular acne	2	Tyrothricin	Charité-Clinical Research Center for Hair and Skin Science	2016
NCT02404285	A study to evaluate the clinical effect of daily Next Science <sup>™</sup> Acne Gel (NAG) on mild to moderate facial acne	1-2	Next Science Acne Gel	Next Science	2015
NCT02242760	P2 multi-center study of SB204 gel in the treatment of acne vulgaris	2b	SB204	Novan	2015
NCT01938482	Study to evaluate the safety, tolerability and pharmacokinetic of single and 14 day repeat topical application of GSK1940029	1	GSK1940029	GSK	2015
NCT02205892	Clinical study for topical Lupeol in acne	NR	Lupeol	Seoul National University Hospital	2014
NCT01694433	Clinical trial to determine the efficacy of vitamin D for acne therapy	2/3	Calcipotriene	University of California Los Angeles	2014
NCT01616654	Dose range study of CD5789 in acne vulgaris	2	CD5789	Galderma	2013
2011-004998-83	A double-blind, randomized, dose selection vehicle-controlled multicenter clinical study for evaluation of the safety, tolerability, efficacy, and pharmacokinetics of topical Neramexane in subjects with moderate to severe acne	2	Neramexane	Merz	2013
NCT01326780	A study of a new drug treatment for acne	2	JNJ 10229570-AAA	Valeant	2012
NCT01289574	Topical ASC-J9 cream for acne	2	ASC-J9	AndroScience	2012
NCT01293552	Clinical trial to evaluate ANT-1207 in subjects with acne	2	ANT-1207	Anterios	2012



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# Management of Severe Acne Vulgaris With Topical Therapy.

- **Adapalene 0.3%-benzoyl peroxide (BP) 2.5%** was found to be effective in patients with severe acne
- **Clindamycin-BP 1.2%/3.75% gel** and **clindamycin-BP 1.2%/2.5% gel** were both found to be effective in severe acne with an apparent **BP-dose response**.

*“Realistic topical treatment options now exist for the management of severe acne where patient and physician preference can impact positive outcomes”*