

# The European and French networks

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# French Vasculitis Study Group

- December 1980: L. Guillevin



- no research, no real interest for rare diseases
- no REB, no Helsinki or Huriet
- Research funded by health social insurance

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- Any center/MD in France (+ Belgium) > 60/600
- Only 1 REB

Protocoles thérapeutiques prospectifs  
Cooperative prospective trials

Groupement  
Français  
d'Etude  
des Vascularites

French  
Vascularitis  
Study  
Group

VASCULARITES SYSTÉMIQUES  
SYSTEMIC VASCULITIDES  
CAHIER D'OBSERVATION  
REPORT FORM

Observation initiale

Ce cahier est commun à l'ensemble des protocoles  
This report form is common to every trial

COORDINATION SCIENTIFIQUE  
SCIENTIFIC COORDINATION

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Date de recueil des données : \_\_\_\_\_

MÉDECIN RESPONSABLE  
ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

Nom \_\_\_\_\_  
Prénom \_\_\_\_\_

# FVSG database

A Fichier Accueil Créer Données externes Outils de base de données

FICHIER VASC33 - Microsoft Access

Formulaires

- \_promoteurCHUSPAN
- \_promoteurWEGENT
- CHURG BP
- CHURG MP
- CHURG\_Old
- Critères PAN
- FICHIER VASC
- IGANCA
- IMPROVE
- pan
- PAN BP
- PAN\_MPA\_old
- WEGENT
- WEGENTpagnoux
- WEGENTpagnoux alerte M12
- WEGENTpagnoux longT

Numéro: 1144

coordonées médecin: Pr Guillevin, Dr Laroche, Avicenne, Bobigny.

Nom: [REDACTED]

Sexe H1 F0: 1 Date de naissance: 16/06/1955

Vascularité: PAN ?

Protocole: 6PANMP95 CY12 EXC

coordonées patients:

N° Protocole: 6 DDNouvelles: 23/03/1995 Survie: V

Chronologie ATCD S Généraux Cut Opht ORL Pulm CardioV Digestif Rénal Neuro Scores-Rq-Evolution Biologie

Nom: [REDACTED] Signes généraux: 1

Poids: 63

Taille: [REDACTED]

Karnofski: 60

Fièvre: 0

Amaigrissement: 1

Kilos perdus: 12

Durée amaigrit: 6

Myalgies: 1

Arthralgies: 1

COLL: 0

Remarques diagnostiques:

CHURG old file

PAN MPA Old file

IMPROVE FILE

WEGENT

CHURG MP Suivi

BASE DE DONNEES DU SERVICE

Conception: C. Pagnoux

Mode Formulaire

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CleanWeb - VASCULARITES - PH Christian PAGNOUX - Supervisor

Patients Monitoring Data Management Help

New patient Synchronize Print Templates Save Check data Patients list

Reference : ACC01979SIMONJ Included on : 6/30/05

Data entry Planning

To do ➔

Show : To complete

**Clinical manifestations**

General

Weight (kg) : 122.0  
 Height (cm) :

General condition (Karnofsky score) : 50  
 Fever :  Yes  No  
 Weight loss :  Yes  No  
 If yes, how many kg : 12  
 Myalgias :  Yes  No  
 Arthralgias, arthritis :  Yes  No  
 Lymph nodes :  Yes  No  
 Specify :

16 TA	724 GPA	120 BRD
21 GCA	368 MPA	10 PACNS
	479 CSS	50 BEHC
512 PAN	92 CRYO	4 TAO
7 KD	25 HSP	315 NC

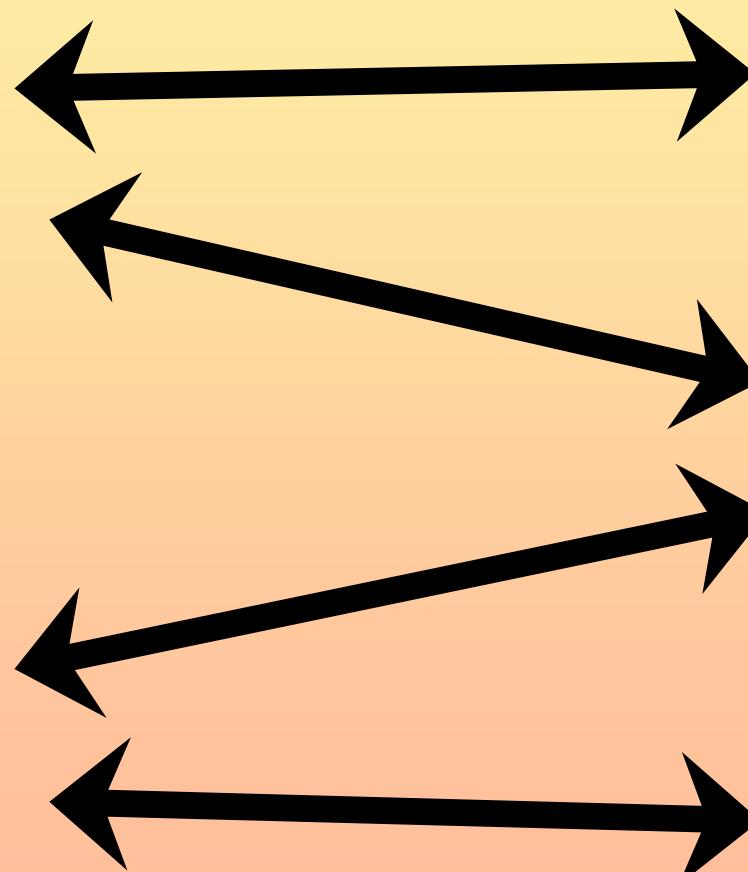
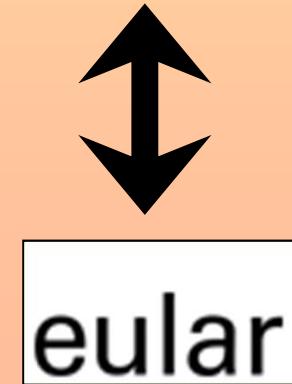
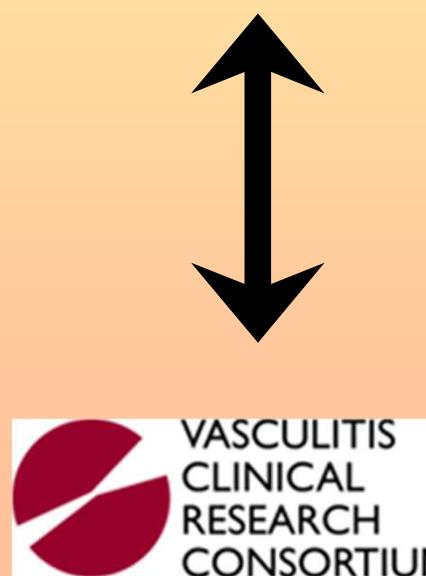
**2,742 patients**

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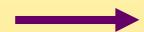
# GFEV international connections



# International collaborations

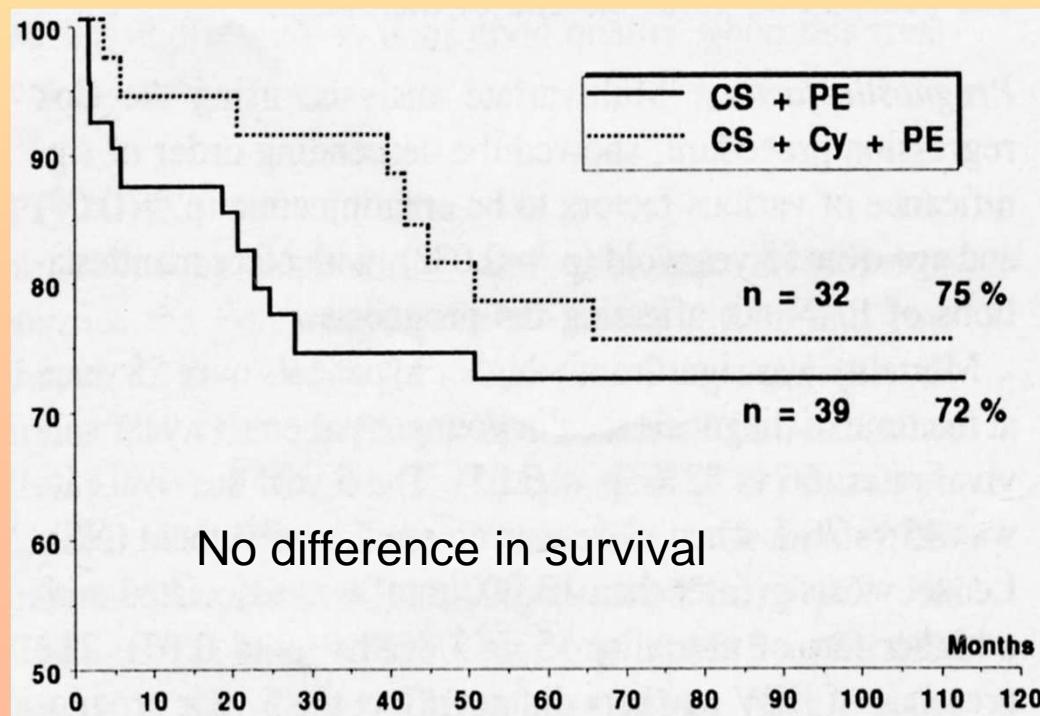
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**1980**  
**1991**  
**PAN MPA**  
**CSS**



## Cyclophosphamide CS + PE vs CS + PE + oral CYC

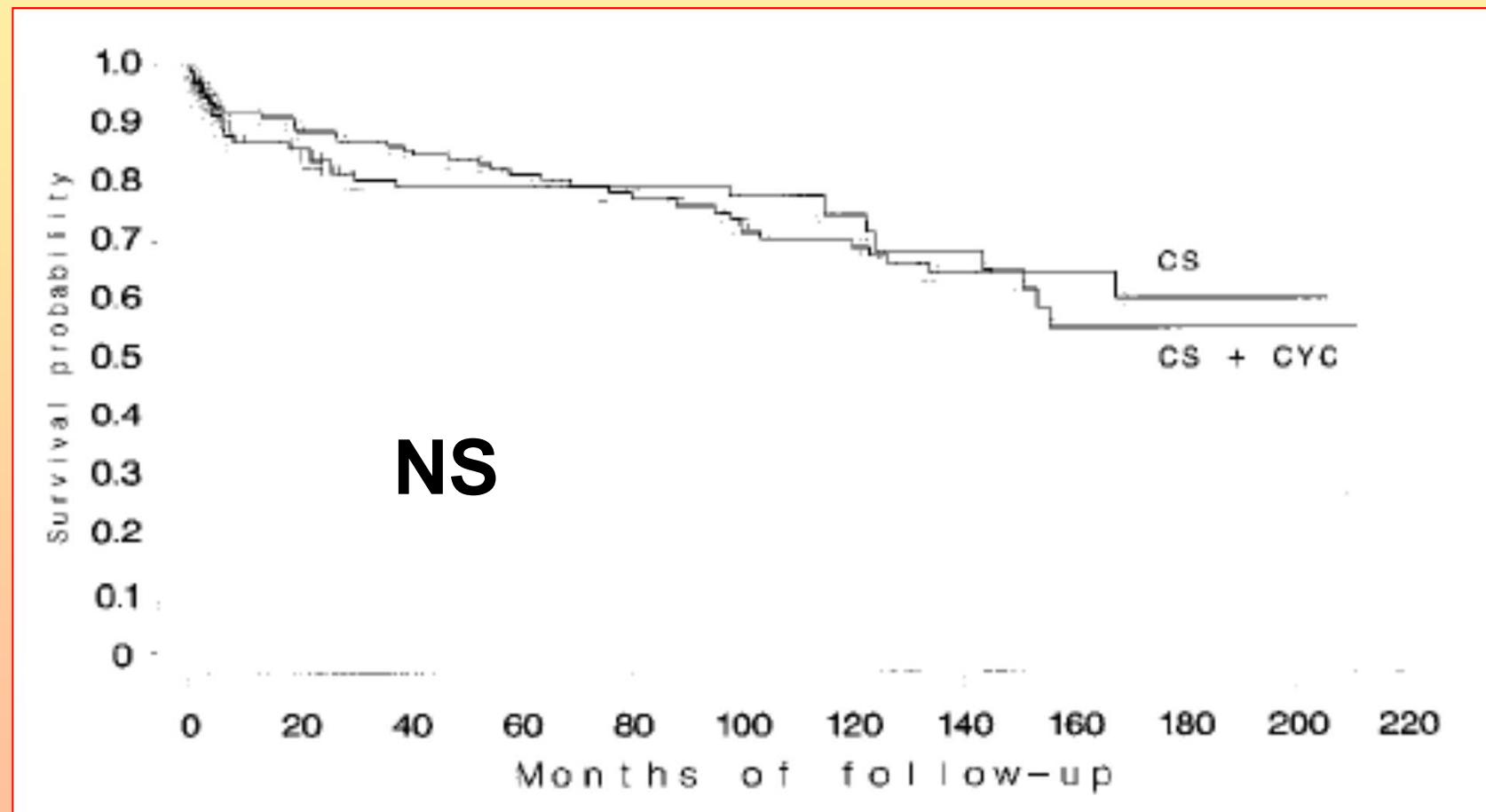
Guillemin, *J Rheumatol* 1991; 18: 567



But NO stratification according to  
Disease  
Severity  
HBV status

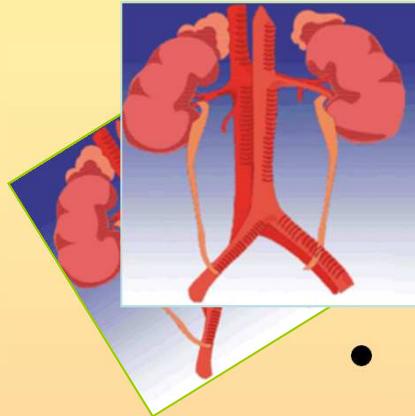
**Relapses**  
9,4% without CYC  
vs 38,5% with CYC  
at 10 years

# SURVIVAL IN 278 PAN, MPA, CSS PATIENTS

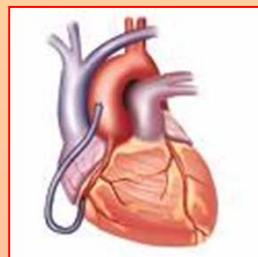
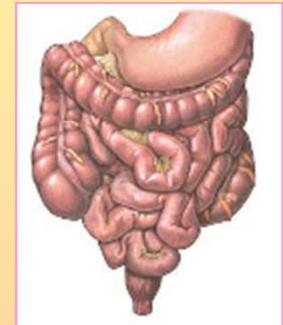


Gayraud et al, *Arthritis Rheum* 2001;44:666-75

# The Five Factor Score

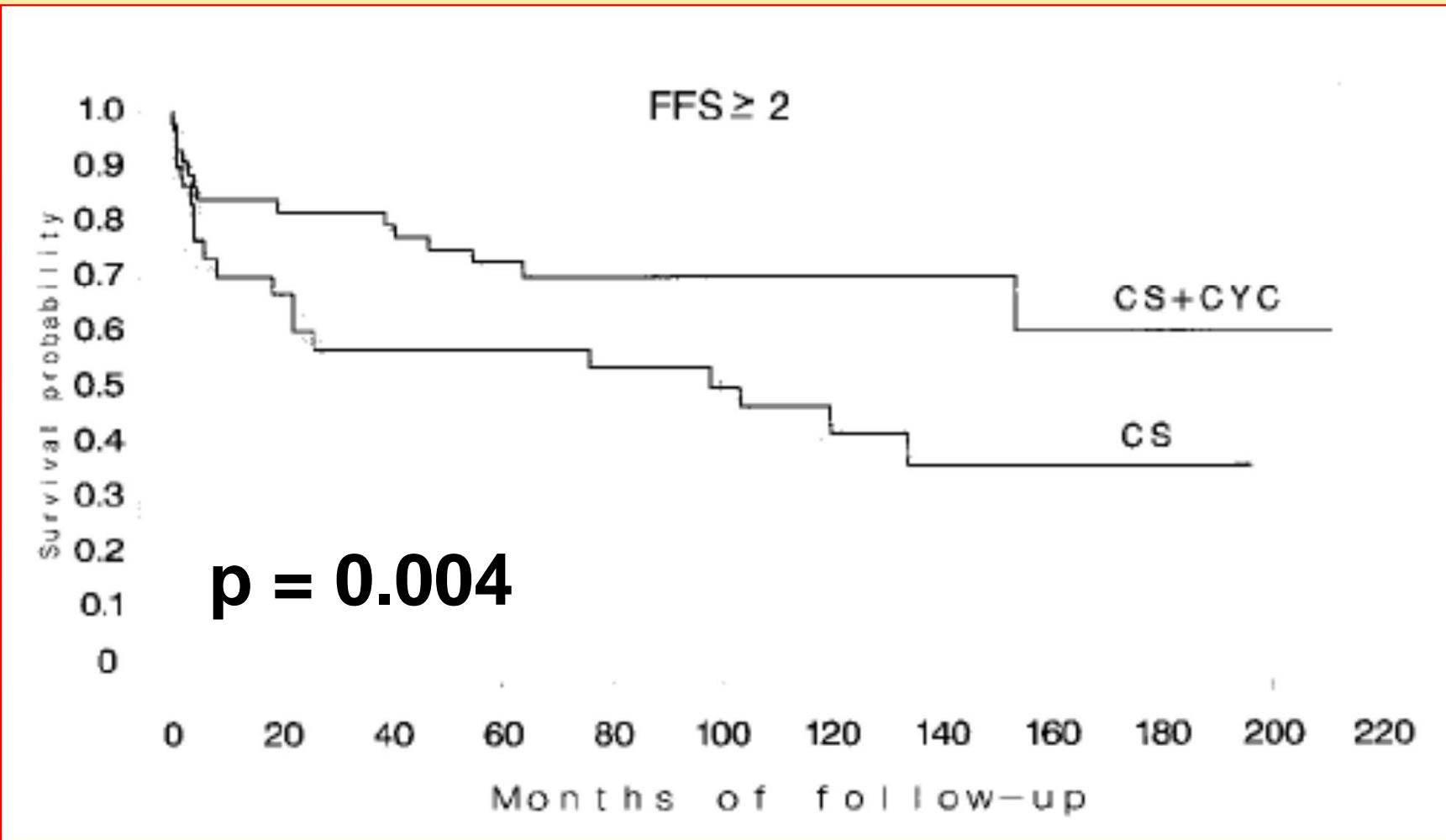


- Proteinuria >1 g/day
- Creatinine level >140 µmol/l
- Specific GI involvement
- Specific cardiomyopathy
- Specific CNS involvement



Guillevin et al. *Medicine* 1996;75:17-28

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**1994**

**2005**



**CHUSPAN**  
PAN or MPA & CSS – FFS=0  
**CS alone**  
**(6 CYC pulse vs AZA)**

2-phases open label trials

CSS #72 p. Ribi et al, *Arthritis Rheum* 2008;58:586-94

PAN-MPA #124p. Ribi et al, *Arthritis Rheum* 2010;62:1186-97

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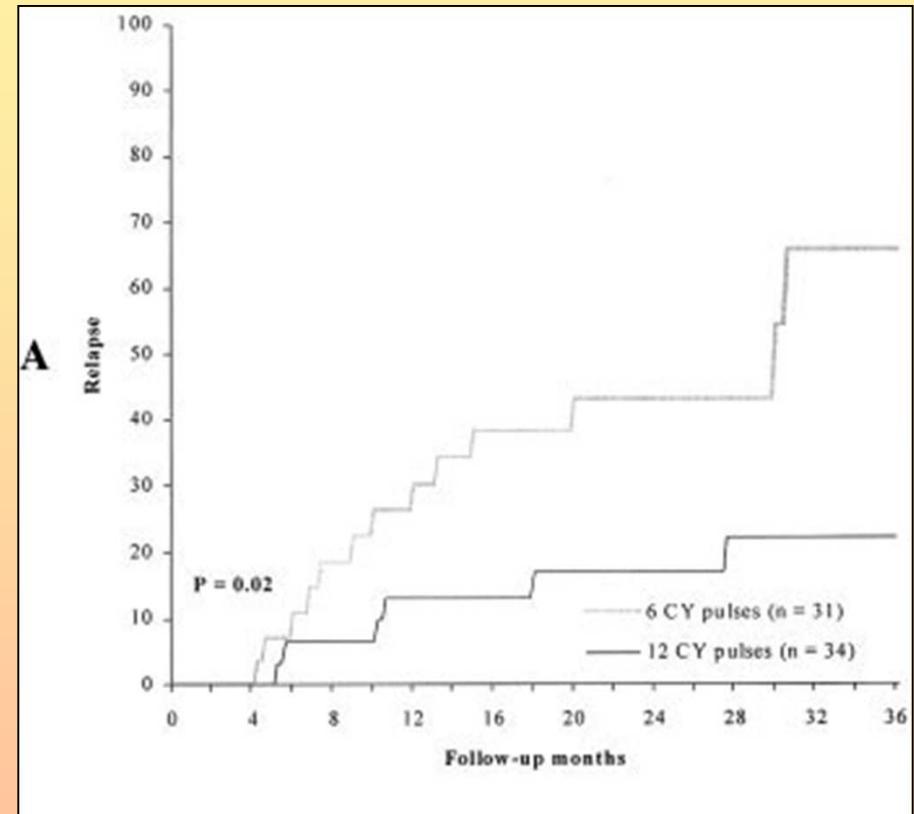
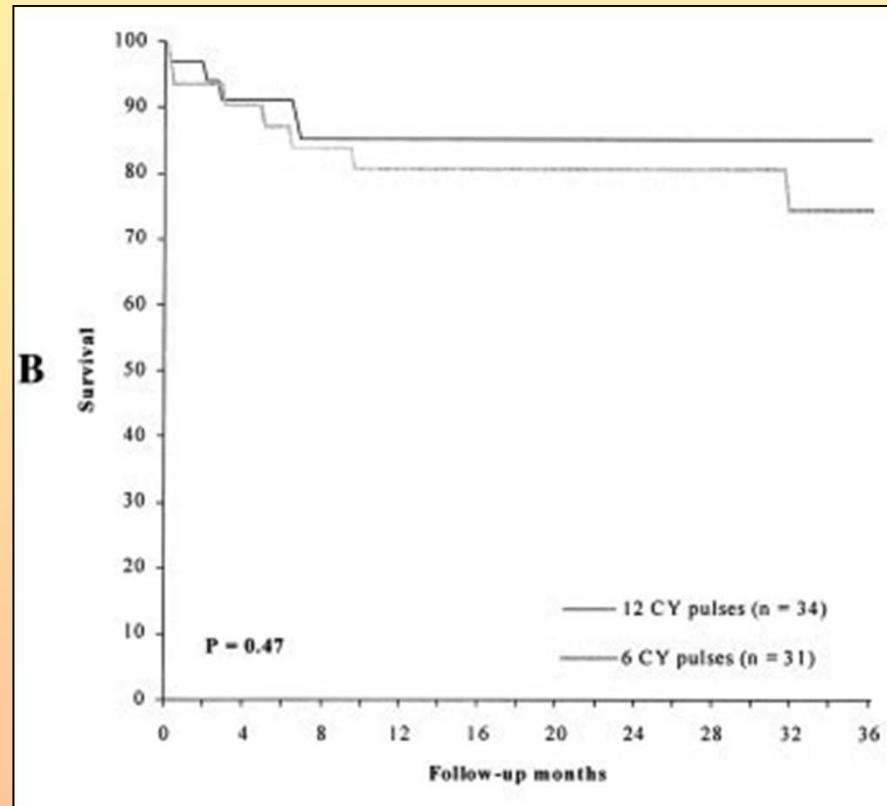
**CHUSPAN**  
PAN or MPA & CSS – FFS  $\geq 1$   
**CS + 6 vs 12 CYC pulses**

Open label randomized trials

PAN-MPA #65 p. Guillevin et al, *Arthritis Care Res* 2003;49:93-100

CSS #48 p. Cohen et al, *Arthritis Care Res* 2007;57:686-93

# CHUSPAN PAN MP



Guillevin et al, *Arthritis Care Res* 2003;49:93-100

**1989**

**1997**



CYC routes in PAN MPA

**CS + oral CYC vs  
CS + IV CYC**

Gayraud, *Br J Rheumatol* 1997; 36: 1290

**1990**

**1997**



Wegener's granulomatosis

**CS + IV vs oral CYC**

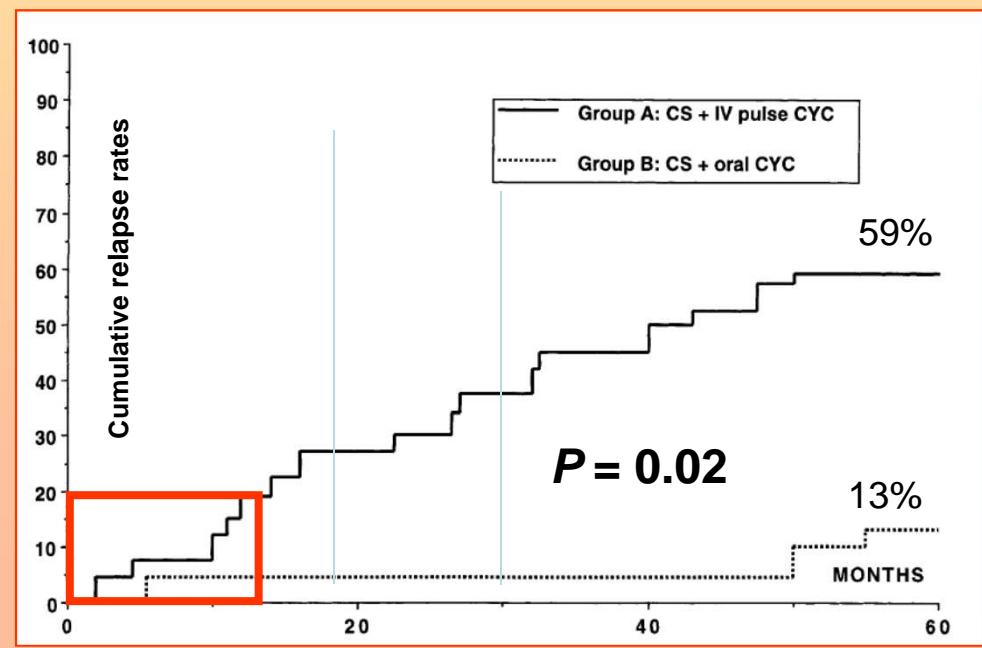
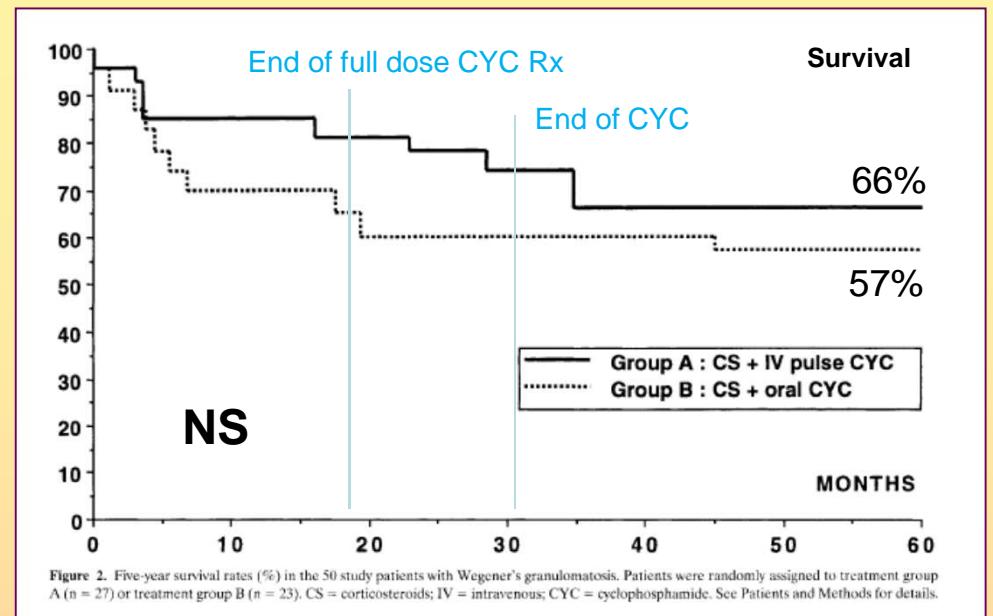
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## Open label RCT

- > design over 5 yrs
- 66 p/arm needed
- Interim at half-time **3 yrs**
- **50 WG enrolled**
- Remission at M6  
IV CYC 88.9%  
oral CYC 78.3% (NS)

- Relapses (mean f/u 30 mo)  
IV CYC 59.2%  
oral CYC 13% ( $P = 0.02$ )
- AEs  
IV CYC 40.7%  
oral CYC 69.6% ( $P < 0.05$ )
- Cumulative CYC dose  
IV CYC 27.8 g  
oral CYC 43.9 g ( $P < 0.01$ )

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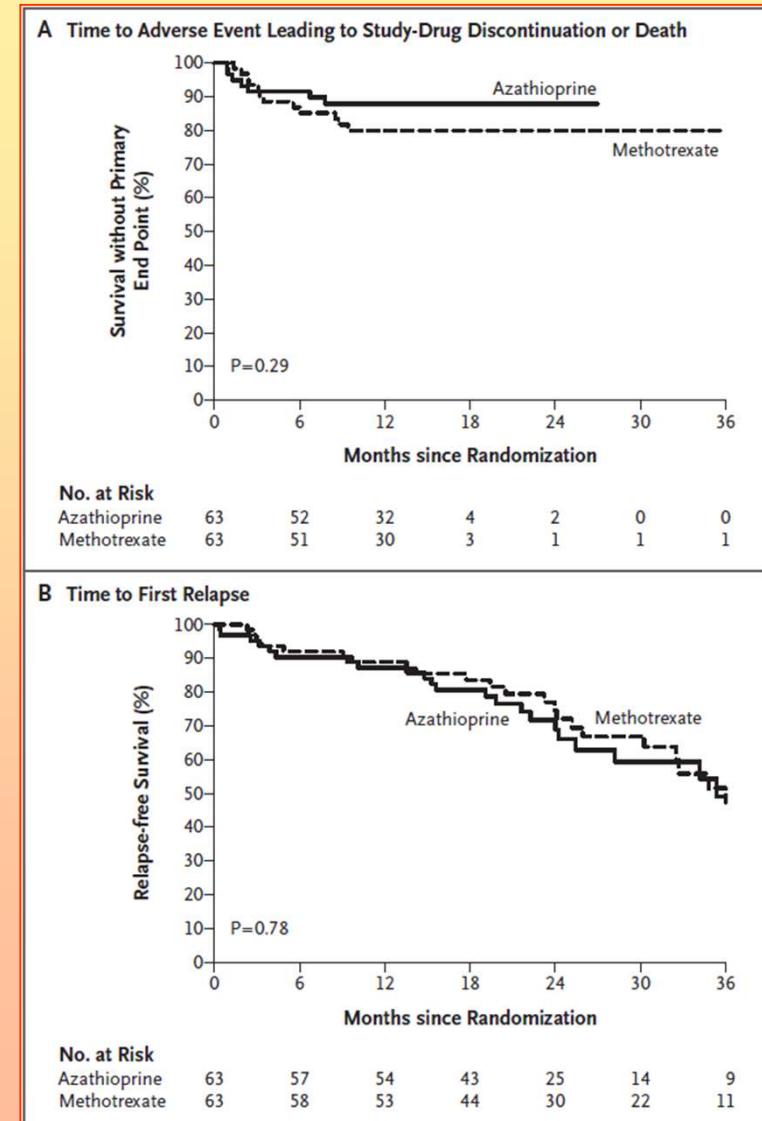


# WG & MPA: MAINTENANCE

## WEGENT

- > design for AE
- 159 → 126 p. (WG 75%)
- AE requiring drug withdrawal  
7 AZA vs 12 MTX ( $P = 0.21$ )
- 1 death in the MTX
- Relapses  
23 AZA vs 21 MTX ( $P = 0.71$ )  
73% after discontinuation

Pagnoux et al, *N Engl J Med* 2008;359:2790-803.



# Ongoing FVSG trials/studies

- **CHUSPAN 2**
  - CSS, MPA or PAN with FFS = 0
  - 60/120 included
  - Double blinded study
- **MAINRITSAN**
  - RTX 500 mg/6 months vs AZA for maintenance
- **COVAC'**
  - PACNS cohort

# French recommendations



# **Educational program and annual meetings**

- Annual national meetings
  - 80 to 120 attendees since 1990
  - No way to skip 1 year...
- Website
  - [vascularites.org](http://vascularites.org)
  - 80 to 150 visitors per day

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  - CYCLOPS, IMPROVE, REMAIN
- EUVAS

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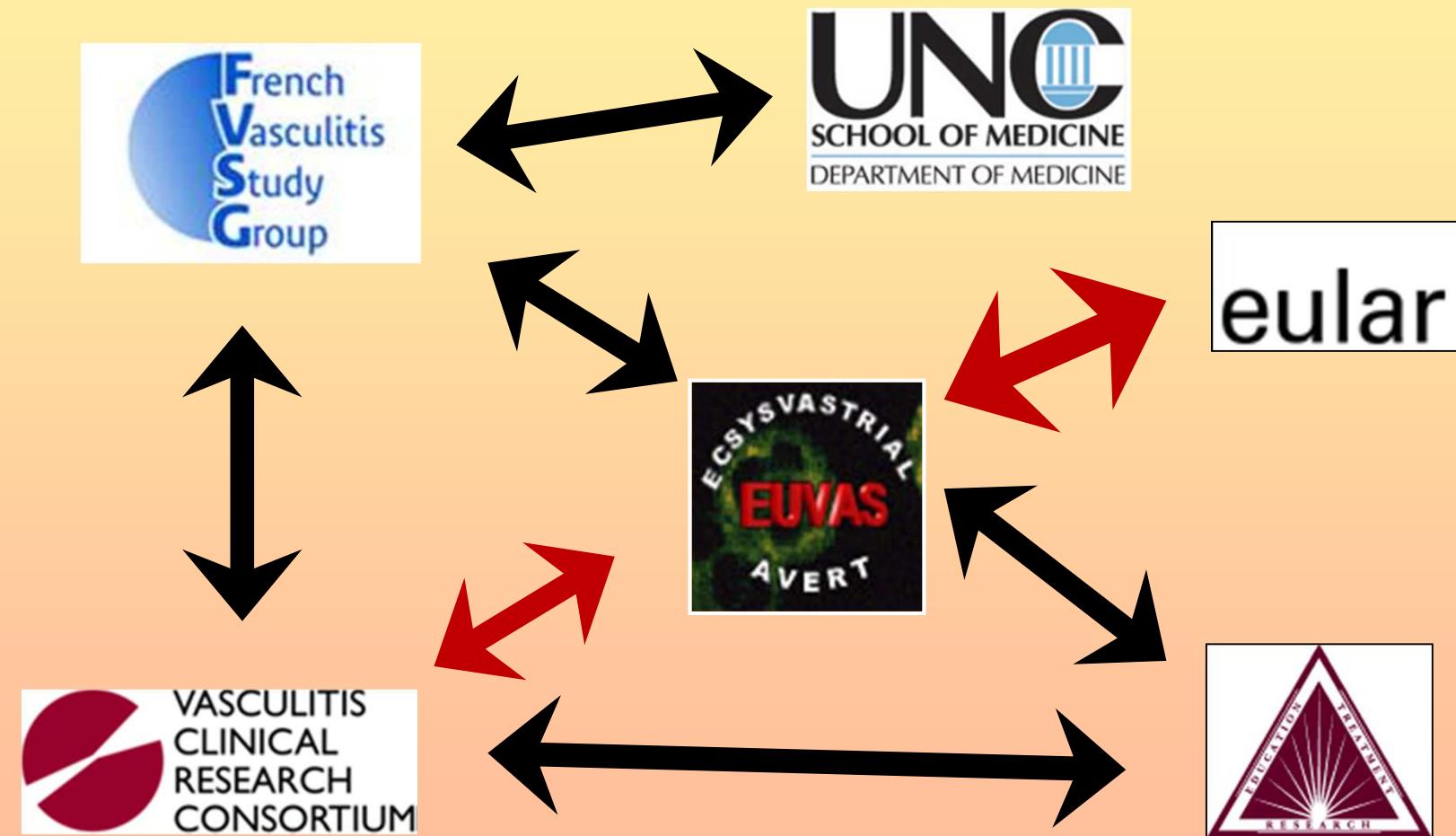
- Pharmaceutical industry funded trials
  - MYCYC, RITUXVAS, (ABAVAS)

# EUVAS



- NO multicentric cohort or longitudinal database
  - UKVAS
- Long-term follow-up of trial patients

# EUVAS international connections



# EUVAS / EULAR

- Hellmich et al. EULAR **recommendations for conducting clinical studies and/or clinical trials** in systemic vasculitis: focus on anti-neutrophil cytoplasm antibody-associated vasculitis. Ann Rheum Dis. 2007;66:605-17
- Mukhtyar et al. EULAR **recommendations for the management** of primary small and medium vessel vasculitis. Ann Rheum Dis. 2009;68:310-7
- Mukhtyar et al. EULAR recommendations for the management of large vessel vasculitis. Ann Rheum Dis 2009;68:318-23
- Basu et al. EULAR **points to consider in the development of classification and diagnostic criteria** in systemic vasculitis. Ann Rheum Dis 2010;69:1744-50

# EUVAS

- MAJOR international EU trials
- MAJOR funding
- MAJOR playerS (including « fellows »)
- MAJOR « expert » (only) meetings
  
- Successful network