

Open label, pragmatic, randomised controlled trial.
 Patients with acute severe UC failing to IV hydrocortisone within 5 days were randomized to:
 - IFX 5mg/kg (0,2,6) or ciclosporin 2mg/kg/d for 7 days and then oral for 12 weeks.
 After 12 w all treatment was at the discretion of physician.
Primary endpoint: quality-adjusted survival over at least a year

Results:

- No differences in the quality-adjusted survival between groups.
- No differences in the secondary outcomes.
- No differences in time to colectomy or in rates of colectomy 41% on IFX vs 48% on ciclosporin.
- No differences in serious adverse events

Conclusions:
 There was no significant difference between ciclosporin and infliximab in clinical effectiveness.

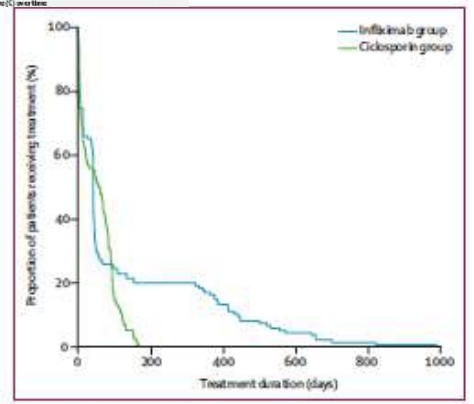
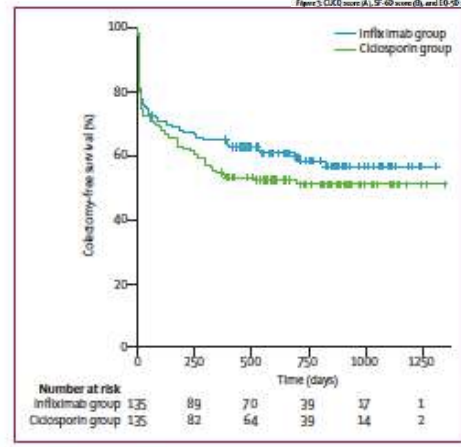
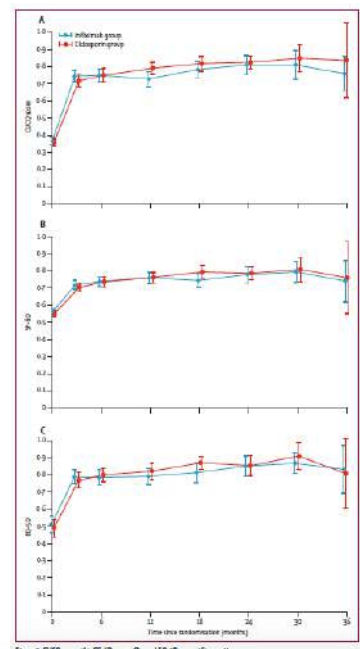


Figure 4: Time to colectomy

Figure 5: Duration of treatment

