

Open-label, single-centre, randomised controlled trial. CD patients with de novo or postoperative anastomotic intestinal stricture on MIR or ileocolonoscopy, symptoms consistent with chronic or subacute intestinal obstruction & evidence of active intestinal inflammation. Randomised to: Adalimumab high dose (160mg ew for 4w and then 40 mg eow (plus escalation at 4 and 8 months if active inflammation) + azathioprine vs ADA standard dose

Coprimary endpoints: Improvement in the 14-day obstructive symptom score at 12 months by 1 or more points compared to baseline

Results:

- At 12 months, improvement in obstructive symptoms 79% in the intensive treatment vs 64% in standard, $p=0.17$)
- Treatment failure 10% intensive treatment vs 28% standard, $p=0.045$

Conclusions:

Treat to target therapy intensification resulted in less treatment failure, a reduction in stricture-associated inflammation, and greater improvement in stricture morphology, although these differences were not significantly different from standard therapy.

