Randomized double-blind controlled trial.

Patients with active UC who achieved remission with corticosteroid therapy were randomized to continue on prednisone 15m/day vs placebo.

Primary endpoints: Relapse rate within 24 weeks

Results: N=69

- Relapse rate did not differ between groups 52.9% prednisone vs 48.6% placebo, p>0.05
- Side effects were more frequent in the prednisone group: 20.6% vs 5.7%, p<0.05

Conclusion:

Prednisone 15mg daily was not superior than placebo in preventing relapses of ulcerative colitis.

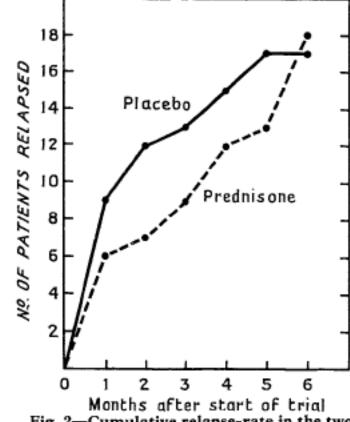


Fig. 2-Cumulative relapse-rate in the two groups.

