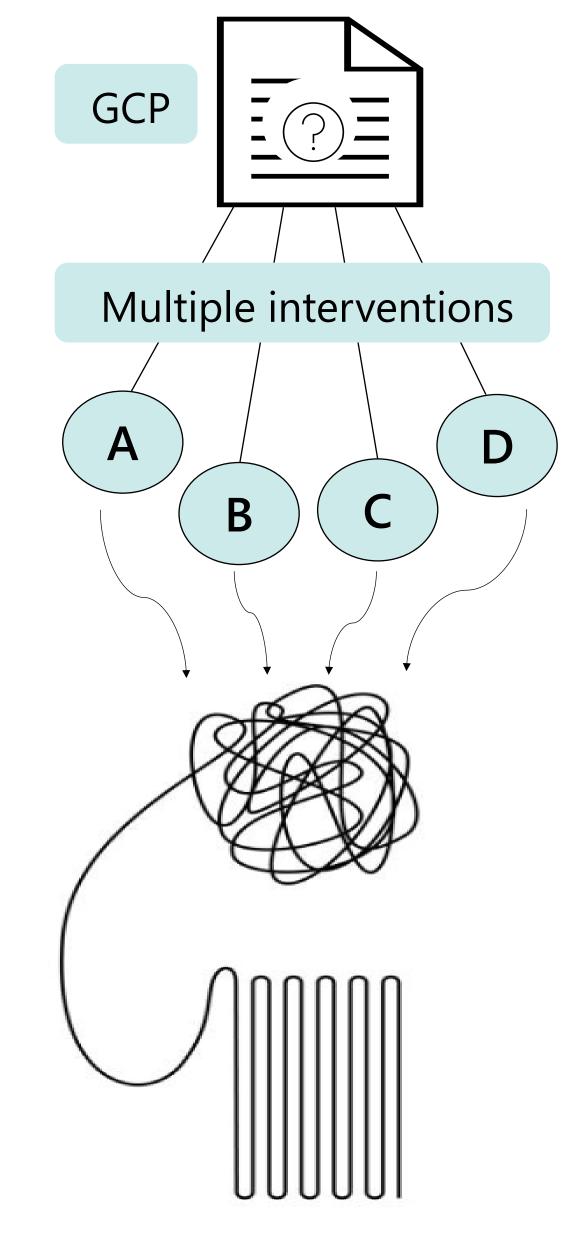
THE EVIDENCE-TO-DECISION FRAMEWORK FOR MULTIPLE-INTERVENTION COMPARISONS

Jessica Beltran^{1,2}, Itziar Etxeandia-Ikobaltzeta³, Carlos Canelo-Aybar¹, Marta Roqué-Figuls^{1,6}, Bart Dietl⁴, Thomas Piggott⁵, Holger Schünemann⁵, Pablo Alonso-Coello^{1,6}



Background

- During guideline development, the assessment of multiple interventions for a single question is a complex process
- Challenges include difficulties in data synthesis, side-by-side presentation, and interpreting effectiveness results

The GRADE working group
developed guidance on using the
evidence-to-decision framework
for multiple-intervention
comparisons (MC-EtD) to evaluate

✓ Transparent

✓ Rigorous

✓ Structured

Objective

• To develop an EtD framework and guidance for multiple-intervention comparisons

Methods

NEW!

 After compiling several guideline groups' experiences, the initial prototype was iteratively improved, based on feedback gathered, during group discussions (both online and face-to-face)

three or more interventions for a single question



Results

 Main sections: Question, Assessment, MC-Summary of Judgments, and

QUESTIO	N									
ASSESSIV	1ENT									
1 Proble	em									
2 Desira	able effect	Σ								
3 Unde	sirable eff	ects								
4 Net e	ffect									
Intervention	Outcomes (Optional display) Adverse					Desirable	Undesirable	Net effect		
	Mortality	Disability	Relapse	MRI	events	effects	effects	Netenect		
Azathioprine	Small Desirable	Large Desirable	Large Desirable		Trivial Undesirable	Large desirable	Trivial undesirable	Large net desirable		
MTX		Large Desirable	Trivial Undesirable		Trivial Desirable	Large desirable	Trivial undesirable	Large net desirable		
Interferon1a	Trivial Undesirable	Small Desirable	Small Undesirable	Large desirable	Moderate Undesirable	Large desirable	Moderate undesirable	Small net desirable		
Rituximab	Trivial Desirable	Moderate Desirable	Trivial Desirable		Trivial Undesirable	Moderate desirable	Trivial undesirable	Moderate net desirable		
Fingolimod	Trivial Desirable				Trivial Undesirable	Small desirable	Trivial undesirable	Small net desirable		
Interferon 1b	Trivial Undesirable	Moderate Desirable	Small Desirable		Trivial Desirable	Moderate desirable	Small undesirable	Moderate net desirable		
5 Value	S									
6 Balan	ce of effec	cts								
7 Certa	inty of evi	dence								
	urces requ									
9 Certainty of evidence of required resources										
¹⁰ Cost-effectiveness										
	effectiven	ess								
		ess								

Recommendations

In the Assessment section, we included 13 criteria

Net effect criterion:

Evaluates the relationship between desirable and undesirable health effects for each intervention

All interventions are assessed versus a (*common*) comparator across EtD criteria

MC Summary of Judgments:

Summarizes appraisals enabling a

relative comparison, and clustering of

interventions by preference

Recommendations are formulated considering the clusters of preference ± rankings

GRADEpro GDT has developed a module for the MC-EtD

¹³ Feasibility

MULTIPLE-INTERVENTION COMPARISON SUMMARY OF JUDGMENTS										
	Azathioprine	Fingolimod	Rituximab	Interferon beta 1a	Interferon beta 1b	MTX				
Balance of effects	Probably favours	Probably favours	Probably favours	Probably favours	Probably favours	Probably favours				
	the intervention	the intervention	the intervention	the intervention	the intervention	the intervention				
Resources required	Moderate costs	Large costs	Large costs	Large costs	Large costs	Negligible costs/savings				
Cost effectiveness	No included studies	No included studies	No included studies	Varies	Varies	No included studies				
Equity	Probably increased	Probably reduced	Probably increased	Probably no impact	Probably no impact	Probably no impact				
Acceptability	Yes	Probably yes	Probably yes	Probably yes	Probably yes	Yes				
Feasibility	Yes	Probably yes	Probably yes	Probably yes	Probably yes	Yes				
Cluster by recommendation type	Conditional in favour	Conditional in favour	Conditional in favour	Conditional in favour	Conditional in favour	Conditional in favour				
Relative comparison	Less preferred intervention(s)	Preferred intervention	Preferred intervention	Preferred intervention	Preferred intervention	Less preferred intervention(s)				
RECOMMENDATIONS										



1. Centro Cochrane Iberoamericano, Institut de Recerca Sant Pau (IR SANT PAU), Barcelona, Spain; 2. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain; 3. American College of Physicians, Philadelphia, PA, USA; 4. Evidence Prime Inc., Hamilton, Canada; 5. Department Health Research Methods, Evidence, and Impact, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada; 6. CIBER de Epidemiología y Salud Pública, Instituto de Salud Carlos III (CIBERESP), Spain.