

# La douleur discogénique et vertébrogénique

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# Objectifs

1. Distinguer la douleur d'étiologie vertébrogénique et discogénique

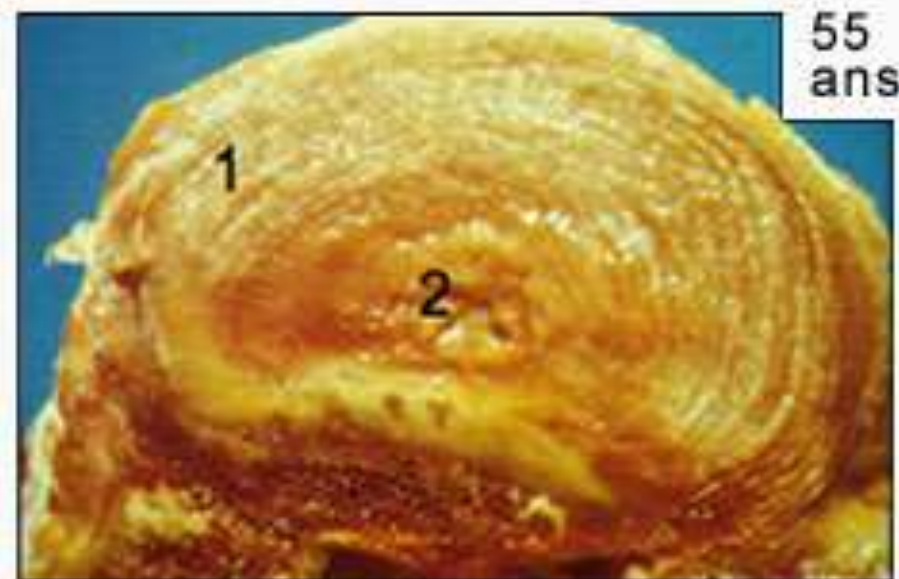
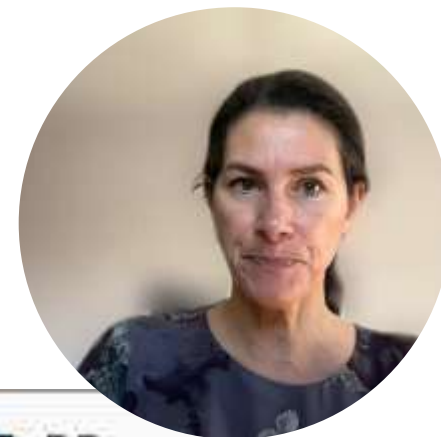
2. Connaître les traitements et leurs évidences:

- Annuloplastie
- PRP-plasma riche en plaquettes
- Cellules souches mésenchymales
- Ozone
- Thermolésion du nerf vertébrogénique

3. À qui s'adresse les injections intradiscales?



# Anatomie discale



Dégénérescence du disque

A gauche: jeune disque sain avec l'anneau de cartilage fibreux (annulus fibrosus) (1) et le noyau gélatineux (nucleus pulposus) (2).

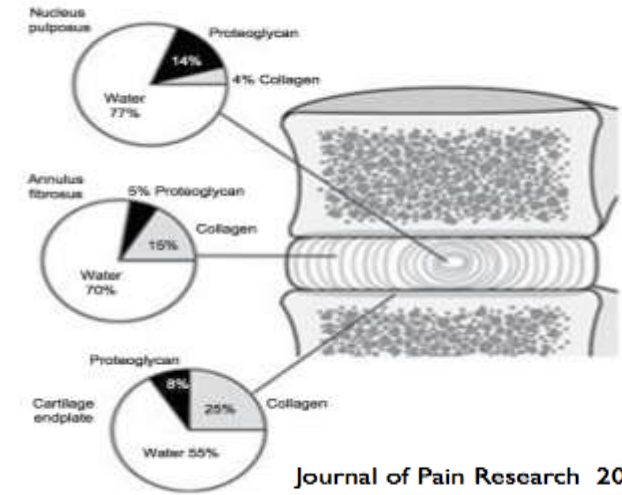
A droite : disque dégénéré avec perte d'eau



# Disque intervertébral

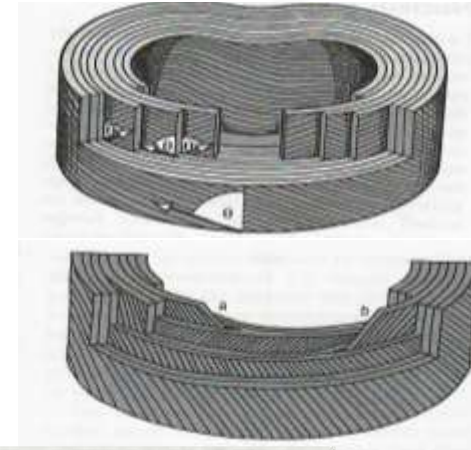
## 1-Nucleus pulposus (NP)

- **Protéoglycans (65% poids sec)**
- **Piègent molécules d'eau (70-90%)**
- Ques fibres irrégulières de **collagène (type II)** (15-20% poids sec)

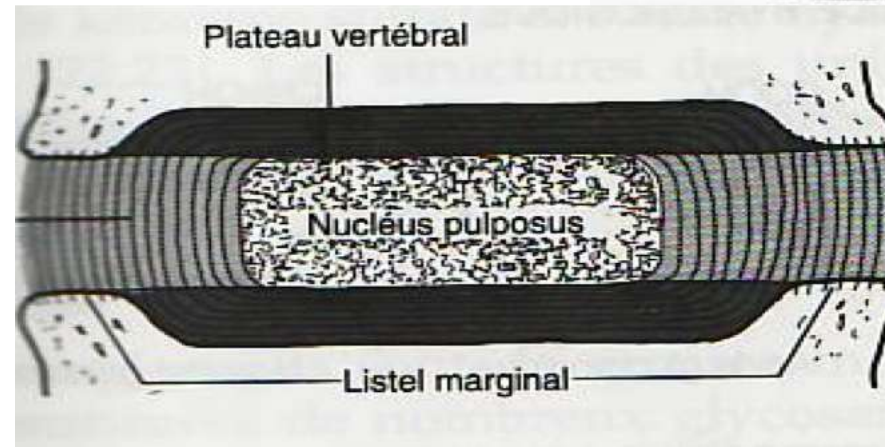


## 2-Annulus fibrosus (AF)

- **Eau (60-70%) et fibres collagène (types I>II) (50-60% poids sec)**
- Disposées en 10-20 lamelles concentriques



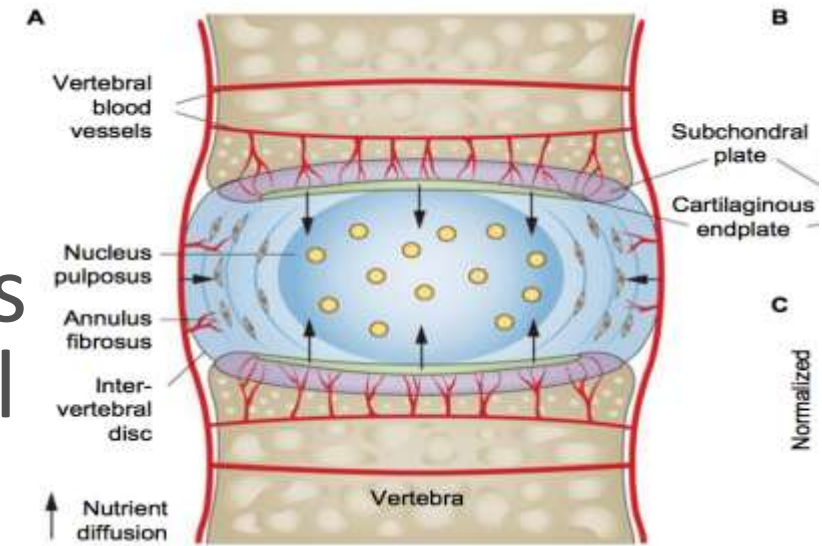
## 3-Plateau vertébral- cartilage hyalin (CV) et fibrocartilage (NP)



N. Bogduk, Clinical and Radiological Anatomy of the Lumbar Spine, Elsevier Churchill Livingstone, 5th edition, 2012.

# NUTRITION

- **Diffusion** à partir des vaisseaux sanguins de l'os médullaire vers plateau vertébral et DIV
- Crée un environnement hostile
- pH acide, peu oxygène, peu de nutriments



Rheumatol 2014; 10 (9): 561-6



Potentiel de guérison est grandement limité

# INNERVATION INTERNE DIV

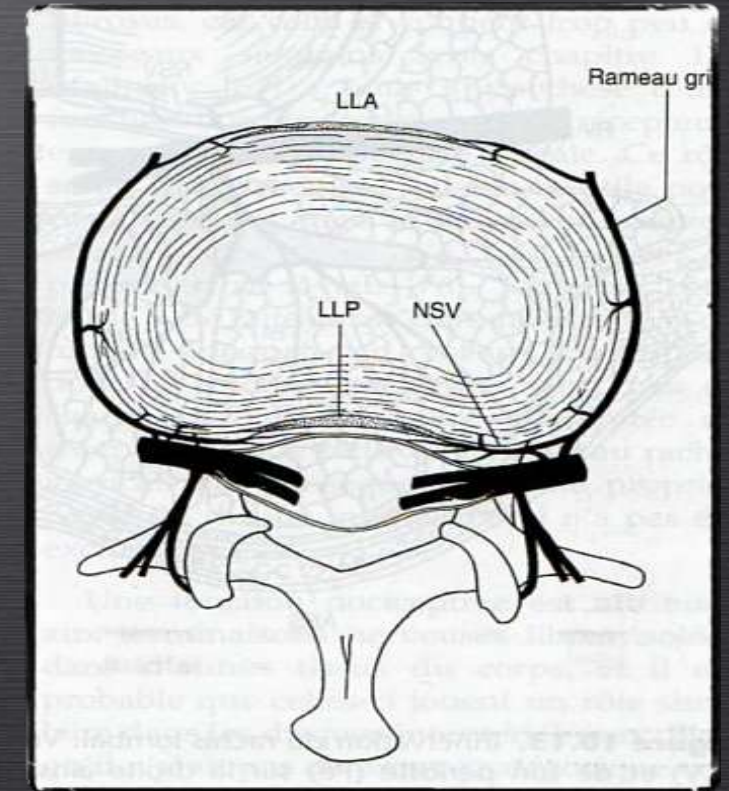
Fibres nerveuses DIV ds 1/3 externe de l'AF

Plexus antérieur: Branches des rameaux communicants gris

Plexus postérieur: Nerf sinuvertébral

## EXCEPTION:

Lors de lésion discale, fissuration cause néovascularisation et néo-innervation discale



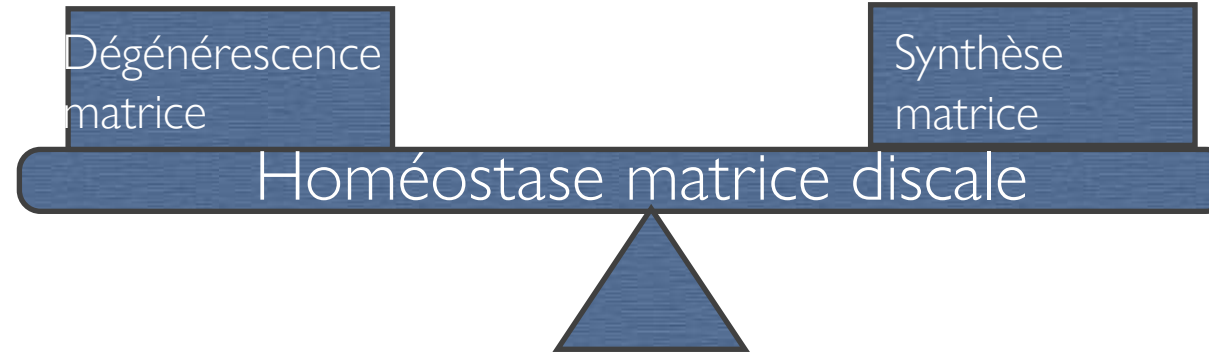
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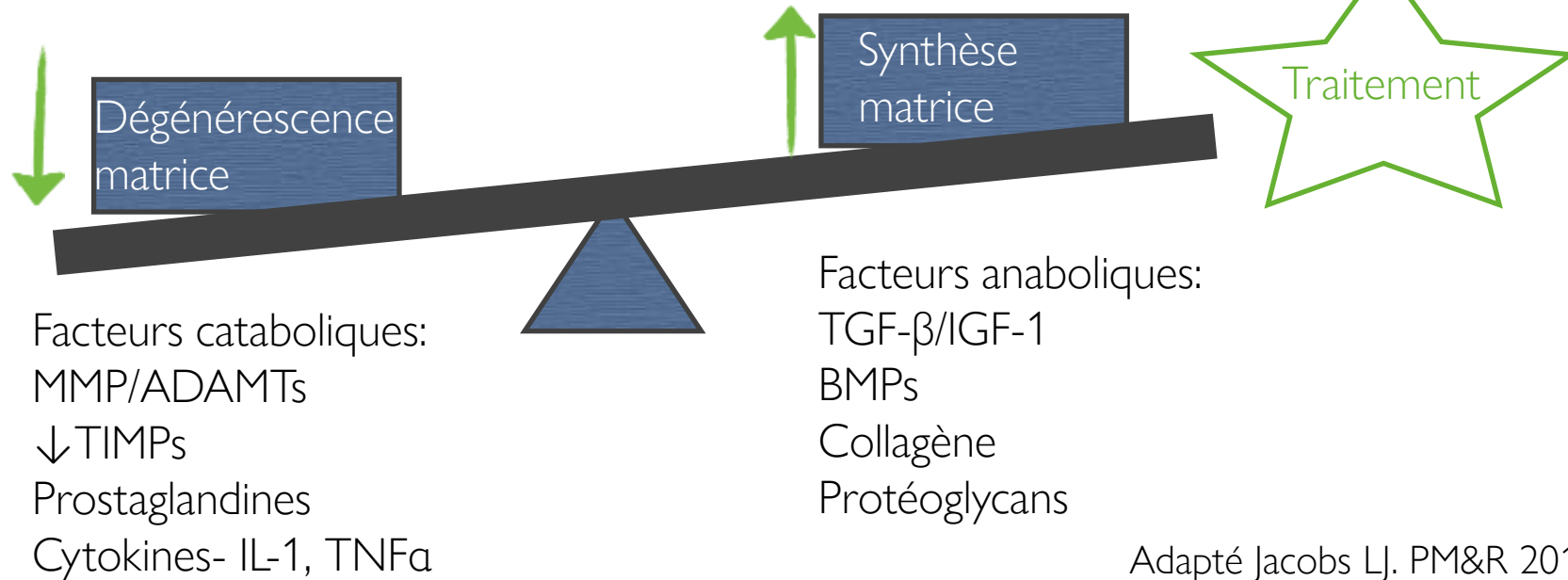


## Structure dynamique

Normal



Dégénérescence matrice DIV=vieillessement N





# CORPS VERTÉBRAL

## Vascularisation:

- Capillaires vertébrales

## Innervation:

- Nocicepteurs provenant du **nerf basivertébral (NBV)**-  
**branche du nerf sinuvertébral (NSV)**
  - Via foramen du mur postérieur vertébral
  - Arborisation caudale et céphalade pour innerver les plateaux vertébraux

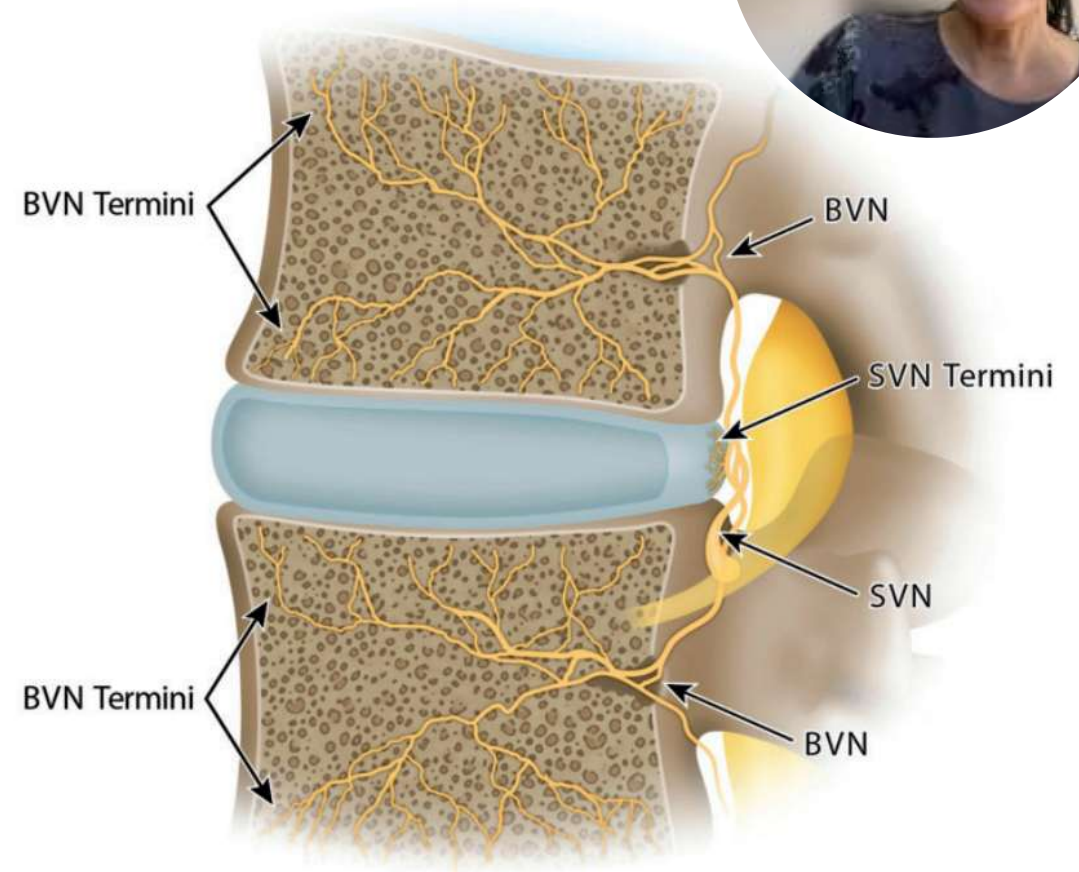


Figure 1. Neuroanatomy of the lumbar discovertebral complex. SVN = sinuvertebral nerve; BVN = basivertebral nerve.

Antonacci MD, Mody DR, Heggenes MH. Innervation of the human vertebral body. J Spinal Disord 1998;11(6):526–31.

# Concept « complexe discovertébral »

*Douleur spinale  
des éléments antérieurs*



Douleur discogénique- 3 entités:



1-Déchirure annulaire(IDD)

2-Hernie discale (<5 mm)

3-Dégénérescence discale (DDD) (plus svlt asx)

Douleur vertébrogénique

Atteinte plateau vertébral- MODIC 1 et 2



# Pathophysiologie

Guérison et consolidation

Stress par compression répétées et sub-maximales ou charge maximale unique

Dir VERTÉBROGÉNIQUE

Fuite cytokines proinflammatoires secrétés par DIV dans moelle osseuse du CV

Inflammation et/ou infiltration graisseuse, fibrose PV

Changements Modic 1 et 2 \*

(90% PV avaient réinnervation neurale patho- 2X +innervés)

Dir DISCOGÉNIQUE

Inflammation avec innervation nociceptive AF ext/ hyperalgésie

Microfracture PV supérieur du DIV (pas sx)

Début de dégradation matrice nucléaire

et **fissuration AF** (30% fissures avaient une réinnervation neurale patho)

Perte des propriétés mécaniques du NP

Augmentation de la charge sur AF intact



J Spinal Disord Tech 2004; 17: 64-71  
Spine 2005; 30; 174-80; Spine J 2008; 17: 289-99  
Pain Med 2013; 14 (6): 813-36

\*Lancet 1997; 350 (9072): 178-81 et Spine (Phila Pa 1976) 2018;43 (21):1496-501 et Clin Orthop Relat Res 2018;476(10):2027-36.



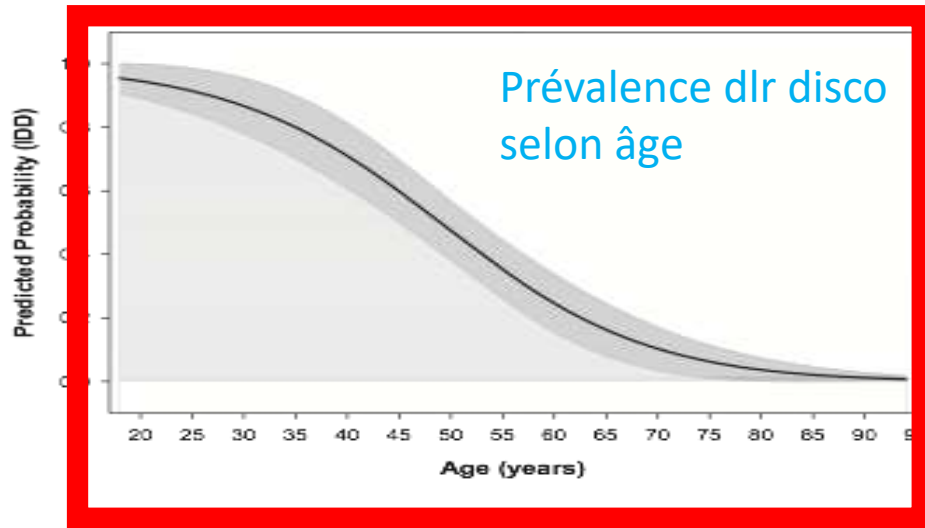
# Symptomatologie

Douleur discogénique

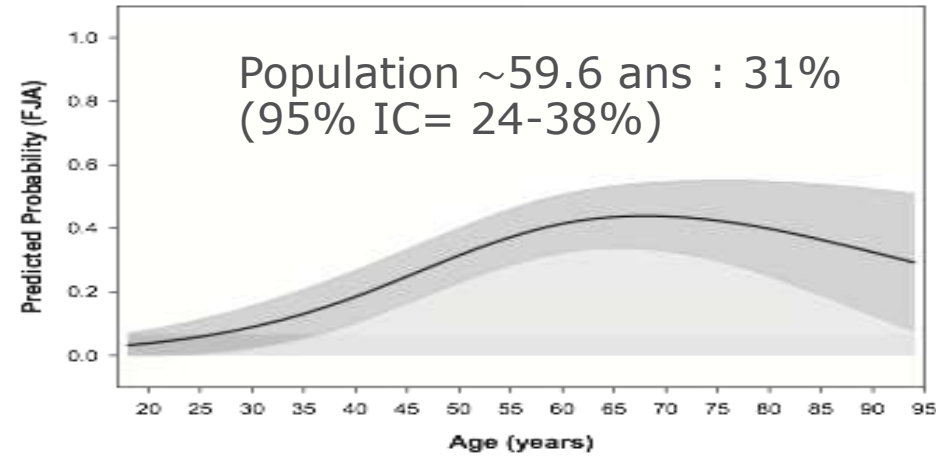
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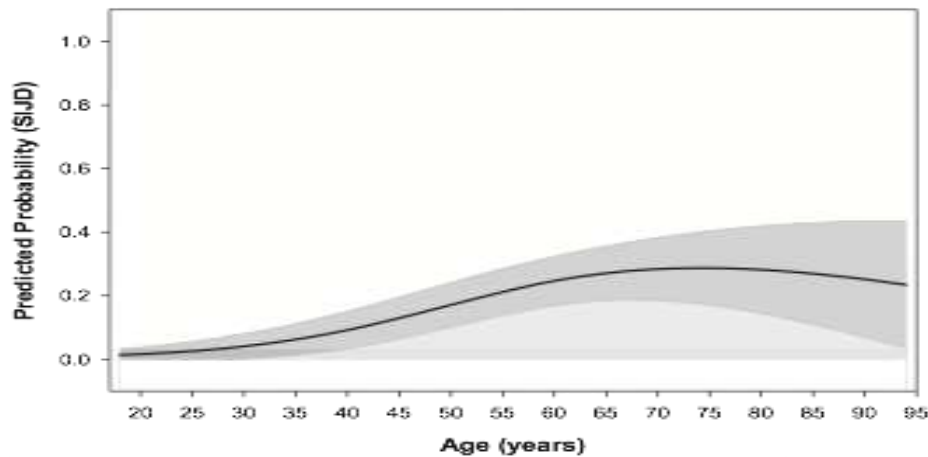
Predicted Probability of IDD versus Age (years)



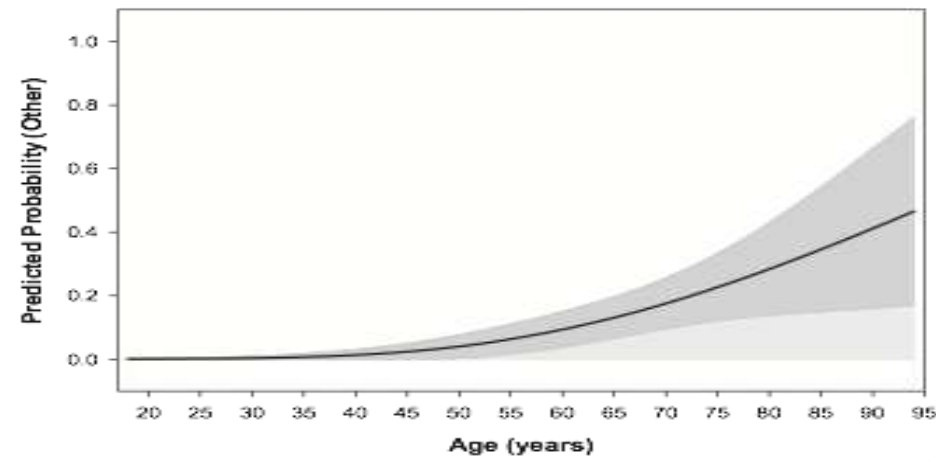
Predicted Probability of FJA versus Age (years)



Predicted Probability of SIJD versus Age (years)



Predicted Probability of Other Source versus Age (years)



Pain Medicine 2011  
12(2): 224

- Augmentation de l'âge associée de façon significative avec probabilité augmentée de dlr facettaire ou dlr SI (ad 70 ans)

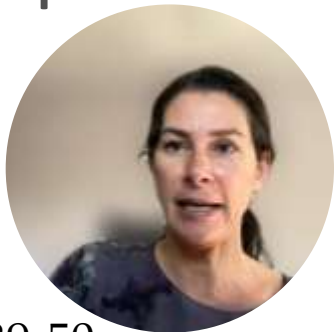


- Aucun symptôme spécifique
- Douleur lombaire centrale +/- douleur somatique référée (62%...)
- Hx de blocages à répétition
- Dlr au repos (nociception chimique)
- Aggravée par mouvement (nociception mécanique)
- Manoeuvre de Vasalva peut être positive

# Douleur discogénique

## Aucun signe spécifique

- Blocage lombaire +/- imp, redressement 'biphasique'
- Pas de signe neurologique
- MMT négative



# Diagnostic douleur discogénique

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## Déchirures annulaires: À IRM:

- Surtout L5-S1 (50%+) >>>L4-L5
- Déchirure annulaire (presque toujours sx)

Toujours possible que patient soit asymptomatique (14%)\*

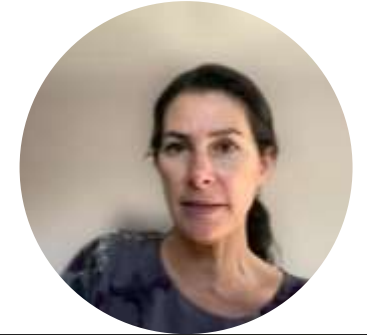
## Hernie discale, dégénérescence discale: À IRM ou scan (souvent asx)

Dx: Provocation discale (pas de gold standard)

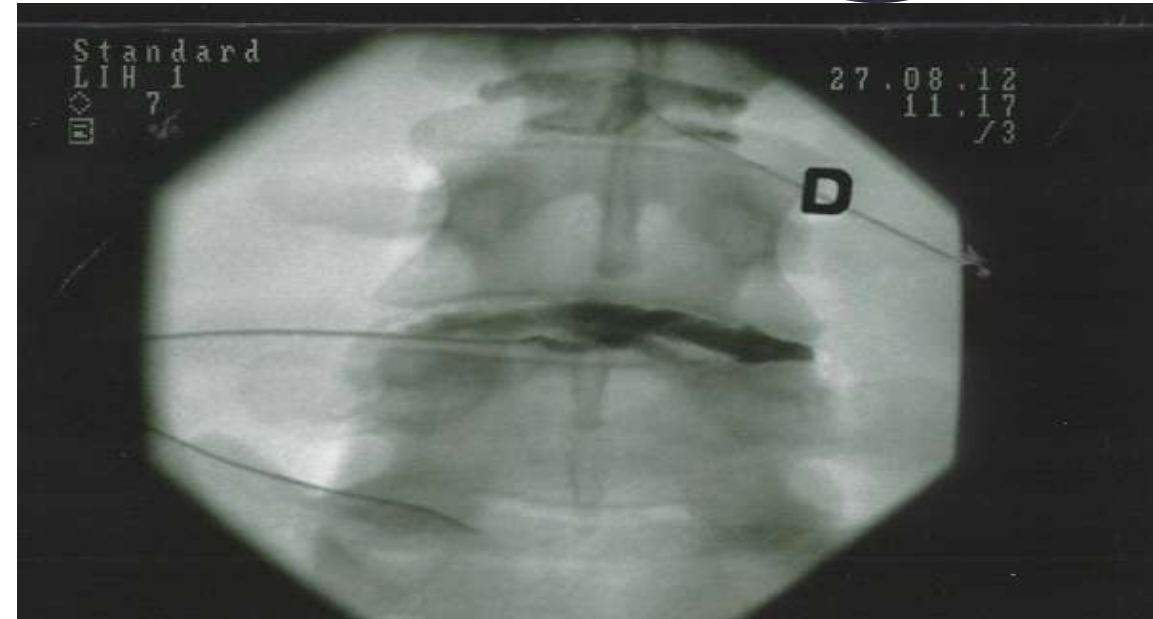


# Provocation discale avec manométrie

## Dx non-équivoque de dlr discogénique (critères IPSIS 2013)

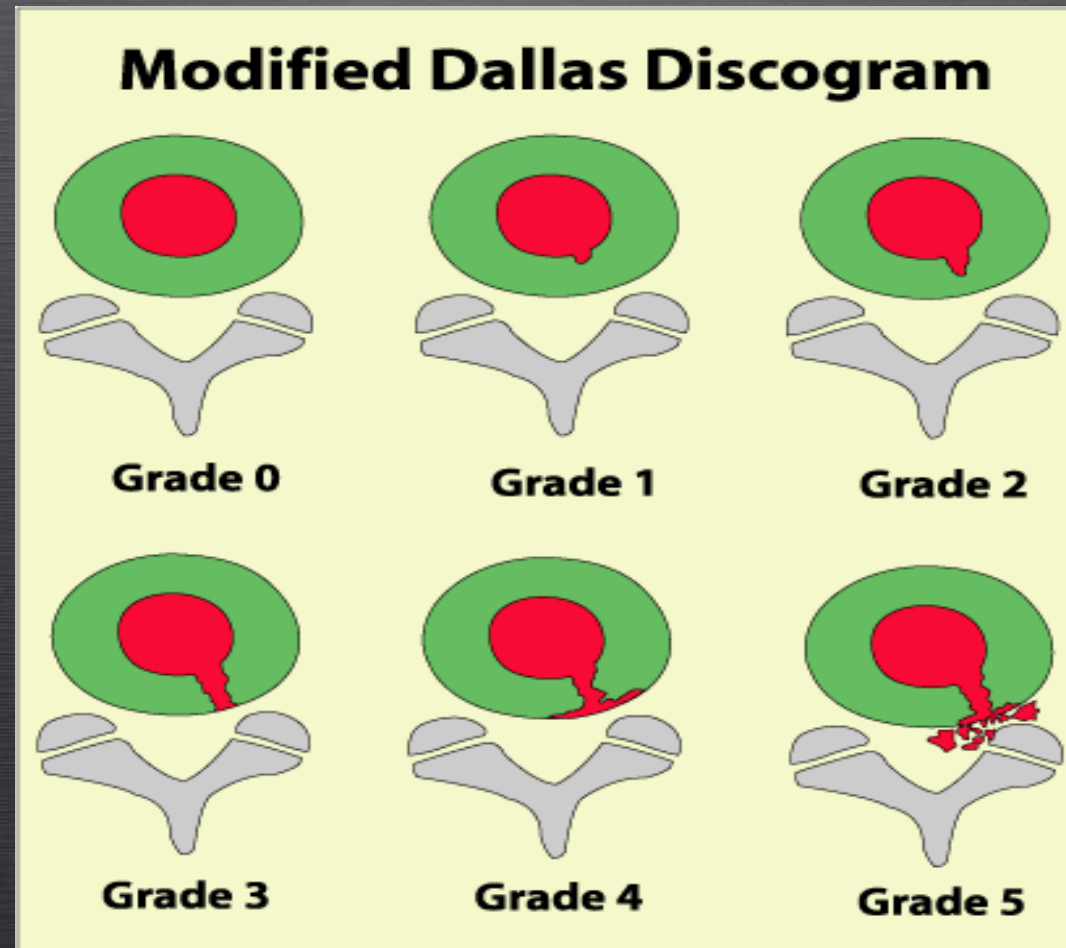


- Douleur concordante de  $\geq 6/10$
- Limite de volume de 3 ml
- Manométrie:  $< 50$  psi au-dessus pression d'ouverture
- Disques adjacents:
  - Pour 1 disque contrôle: aucune dlr ou dlr nonconcordante à une pression de  $> 15$  psi au-dessus pression d'ouverture
  - Pour 2 disques adjacents: aucune dlr 2 disques ou 1 disque sans dlr ET un disque avec dlr nonconcordante à une pression de  $> 15$  psi au-dessus pression d'ouverture



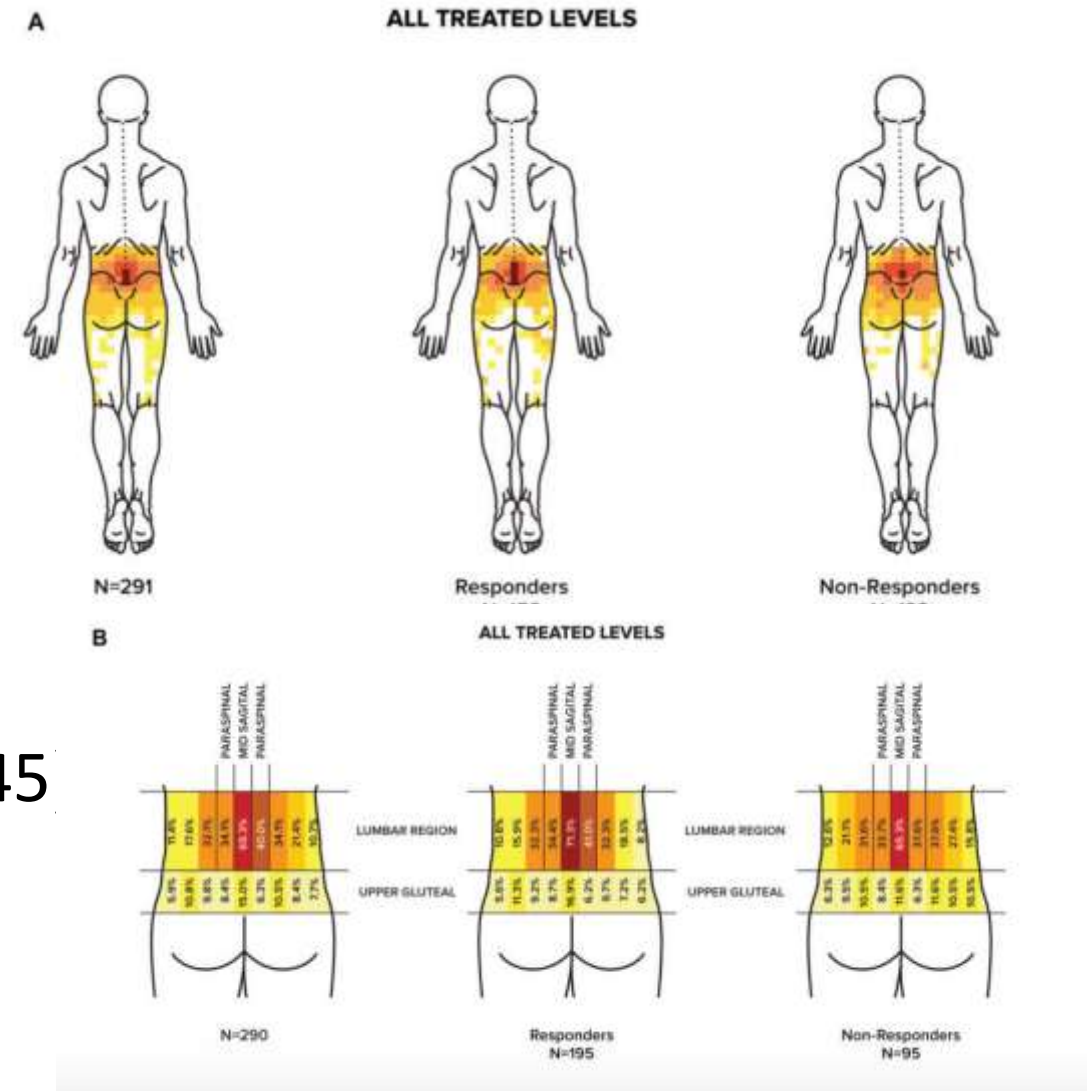
# Déchirure annulaire

Scan post-provocation discale



# Douleur vertébrogénique

- **Douleur lombaire centrale chronique**
  - Dlr paraspinale et/ou glutéale possible
  - Aucune dlr distale aux genoux
  - ↑ dlr à l'activité (OR 2.099)
  - Pas de dlr à l'extension lombaire (OR 1.845)
  - Durée +5ans (OR 2.366)
- **Examen neuro: Normal**
- **IRM: MODIC 1 et/ou 2 &**



Barrett S Boody et al. Pain Med 23 (S2), 2022; S2-S13  
 McCormick ZL et al. Pain Med 23 (S2), 2022: S14-S33  
 &McCormick ZL et al. Pain Med 23 (S2), 2022: S34-49

# Changements MODIC

**Type 1:** Oédème inflammatoire autour du disque. Associé avec fissuration du plateau vertébral et présence de IL-6,8 et PGE2

- Résolution possible ou évolution vers type 2

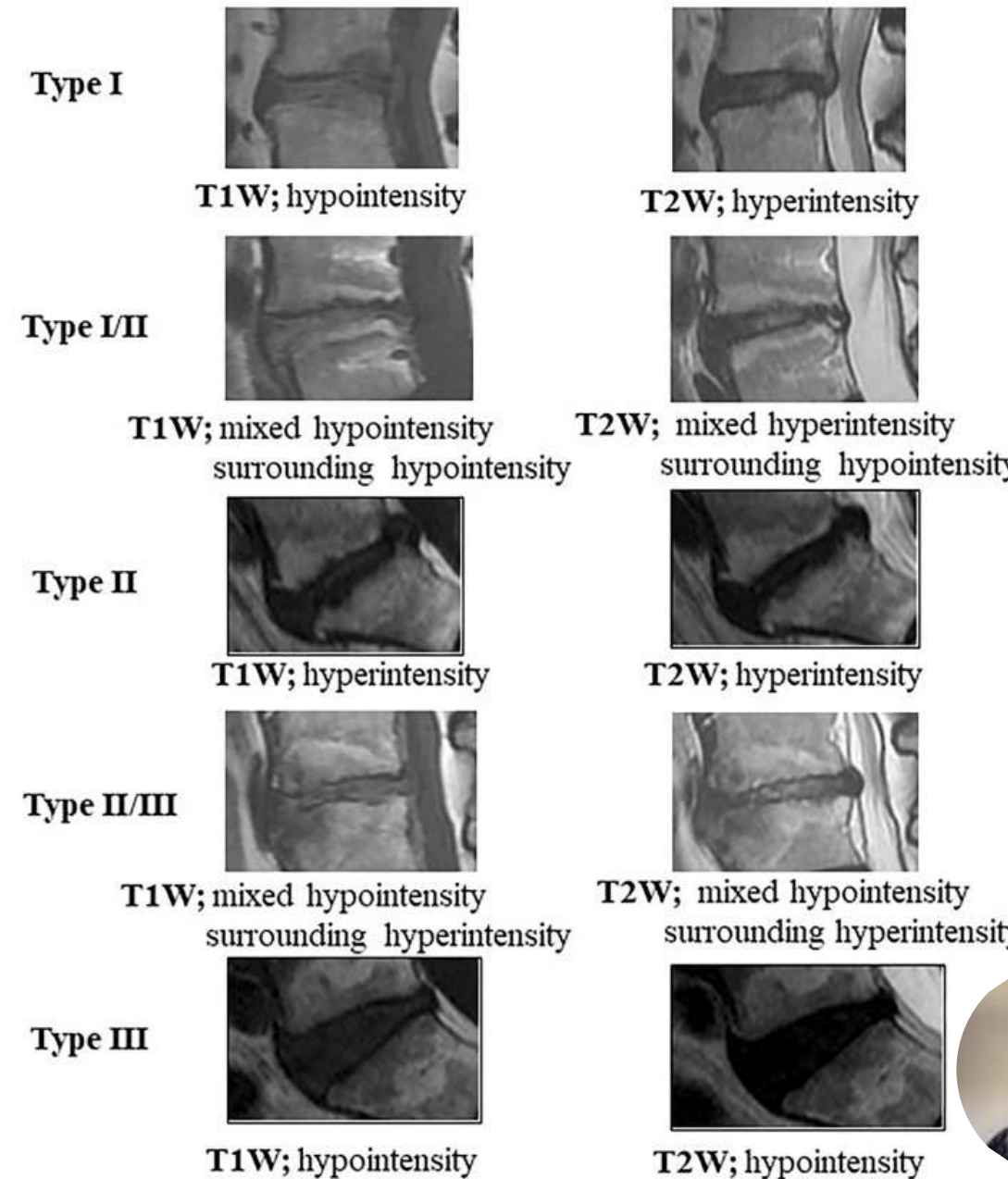
**Type 2:** Infiltration graisseuse après inflammation aiguë

**Type 3:** Sclérose du corps vertébral

- Type 1 et 2 reliés à la douleur
- Changements Modic cz 19-59% des pts avec lombalgie chronique (prévalence 36%)
- Type 1/2 plus associé à dlr lombaire\*\*

AJNR 2008; 29: 838-42

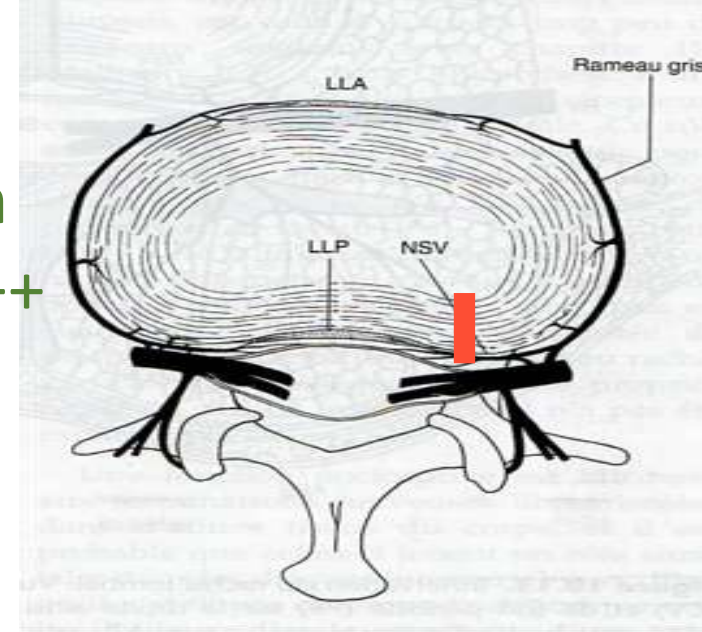
\*Pain Ther 2022; 11(1):57-71





# Avant de conclure à dlr discovertébrogénique...

EXS  
stabilisation  
lombaire +++



## Infiltrations à tenter pour éliminer autres sources de douleur

### 1.Épidurale caudale/épidurales TF bilatérales

- ↓ inflammation épidurale rétrodiscal en bloquant les NSV

### 2.Blocs facettaires et/ou BBM

- Éliminer dlr origine facettaire

### 3.Infiltration sacro-iliaques et/ou BBL



# Traitements intradiscaux et leurs évidences

Annuloplastie  
PRP-plasma riche en plaquettes  
Ozone



2010  
Ozone

2013  
Annuloplastie

2016  
PRP

2022- dlr vertébrogénique  
TL n. basivertébrale

# The intervertebral disc

~~Washington~~ is a place  
where good ideas go to die.

Barack Obama

“ quote fancy



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# Annuloplastie par radiofréquence





# Annuloplastie par radiofréquence bipolaire au froid

- Dénervation nocicepteurs a/n couches externes
- Coagulation des fibres de collagène
- Produit lésion plus étendue de tout l'anneau postérieur et sur toute sa hauteur



Bergeron, Fortin, Leclaire. Pathologie médicale de l'appareil locomoteur. 2<sup>e</sup> édition. Edisem 2008

# A Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Trial of Transdiscal Radiofrequency, Biacuplasty for Treatment of Discogenic Lower Back Pain

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- ÉCR; BID (29 pts) vs BID placebo (30pts) cz pts avec lombalgie chronique >6 mois (PD+)
- Suivis 1,3,6 mois
- Pas efficace à 1 et 3 mois
- À 6 mois: BID: amélioration SS pour SF-36 (↑15 pts) et EVA(↓2.2 pts)
- Sous-groupe de <40ans: SS pour ODI (↓11 pts) à 6 mois
- **Rx très peu efficace pour la lombalgie** (malgré sélection très stricte)
- Pas applicable pour les obèses, fumeurs et ceux avec compensation (exclus de l'étude)



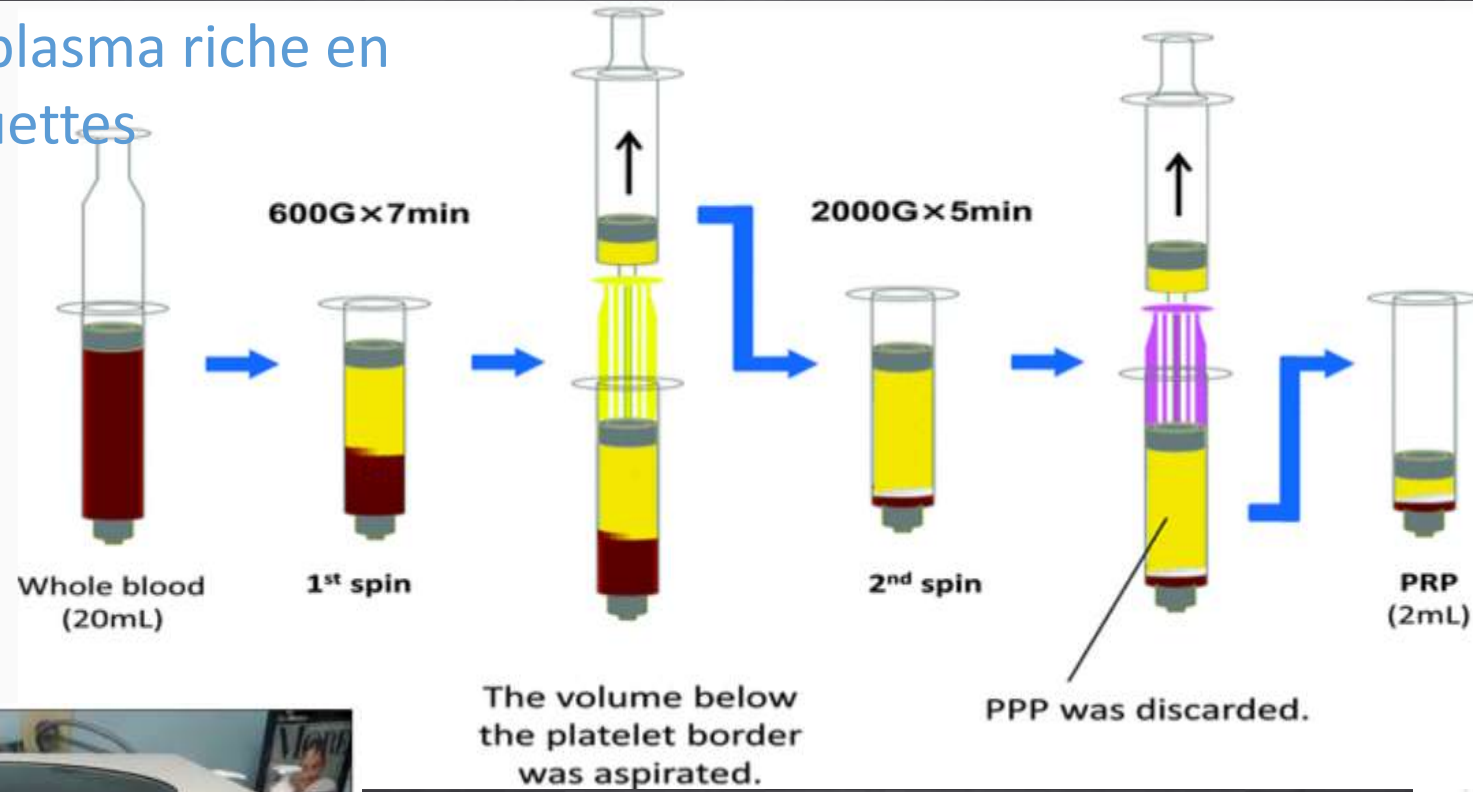
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# Plasma riche en plaquettes- PRP





PRP-plasma riche en plaquettes



Idéalement, 4X PLUS DE PLTS QUE DANS LE SANG ( $150-350 \times 10^3$ )  $\times 4 = 600-1400 \times 10^3 / \text{mm}^3$





# Concentration des facteurs de croissance parallèle concentration des plaquettes dans le PRP

Riche ou pauvre en leucocytes





## PRP ID

FC relâchés des granules plaquettaires:  
platelet-derived GF, transforming GF-béta, insulin-like GF, vasoendothelial GF, epithelial GF, basic fibroblast GF

Médiateurs pro-inflammatoires (cytokines)- GB

Inflammation locale et cascade de guérison

### Études in vitro/in vivo

Synthèse MEC du NP

Migration/prolifération  
cellules NP

↓ cytokines anti-  
inflammatoires  
IL-1 et TNF $\alpha$

Formation collagène II ds NP

Synthèse protéoglycans

**EFFET RÉGÉNÉRATIF**  
**Anti-inflammatoire**

↑ contenu hydrique/↑  
hauteur discale à IRM



PM R 8 (2016) 1-10

[www.pmrjournal.org](http://www.pmrjournal.org)

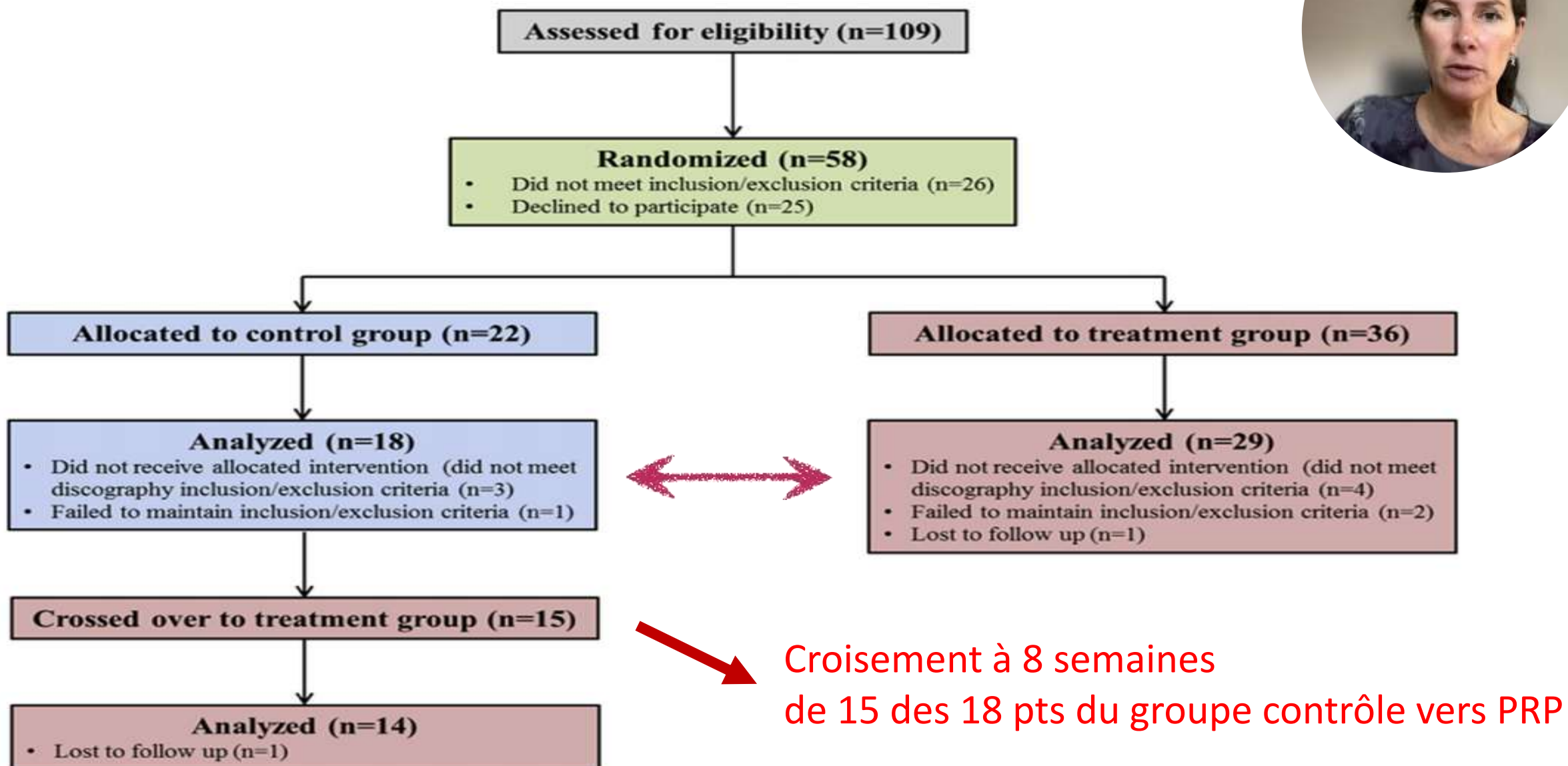
Original Research—CME

## **Lumbar Intradiskal Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP) Injections: A Prospective, Double-Blind, Randomized Controlled Study**

**Yetsa A. Tuakli-Wosornu, MD, MPH, Alon Terry, MD, Kwadwo Boachie-Adjei, BS, CPH,  
Julian R. Harrison, BS, Caitlin K. Gribbin, BA, Elizabeth E. LaSalle, BS,  
Joseph T. Nguyen, MPH, Jennifer L. Solomon, MD, Gregory E. Lutz, MD**

- Étude prospective, double-insu, randomisée, 58pts
- 2:1 Tx:contrôle
- Financement: Harvest
- Discographie +







**Figure 1.** Flow chart of study participant enrollment, randomization, and analysis.



À 8 semaines  
n= 47 pts (29 PRP; 18 contrôle)

**Table 3**  
Results of patient-reported outcome scores between control and PRP groups over time

| Outcome   | Time     | Control Mean | SD    | PRP Mean | SD    | P Value* |
|---|----------|--------------|-------|----------|-------|----------|
| FRI        | Baseline | 45.37        | 15.61 | 51.47    | 15.62 | .027     |
|   | 1 wk     | 45.99        | 15.74 | 49.83    | 15.72 |          |
|   | 4 wk     | 44.17        | 17.14 | 43.25    | 16.68 |          |
|   | 8 wk     | 44.45        | 19.60 | 37.99    | 19.60 |          |
|   | Baseline | 47.92        | 21.13 | 43.28    | 21.11 |          |
| SF-36 Pain  | 1 wk     | 47.22        | 21.76 | 40.52    | 21.76 | .079     |
|   | 4 wk     | 47.22        | 19.98 | 55.17    | 19.98 |          |
|   | 8 wk     | 52.78        | 22.19 | 61.29    | 22.19 |          |
|   | Baseline | 56.11        | 18.54 | 56.40    | 18.52 |          |
| SF-36 Physical Function   | 1 wk     | 51.28        | 20.04 | 51.63    | 20.46 | .435     |
|   | 4 wk     | 60.97        | 21.43 | 58.43    | 21.17 |          |
|   | 8 wk     | 57.08        | 22.91 | 61.70    | 22.89 |          |
|   | Baseline | 4.61         | 2.21  | 4.74     | 2.21  |          |
| Current Pain  | 1 wk     | 4.78         | 1.99  | 4.21     | 1.99  | .157     |
|   | 4 wk     | 4.61         | 2.21  | 4.00     | 2.21  |          |
|   | 8 wk     | 4.39         | 2.59  | 3.09     | 2.59  |          |
|   | Baseline | 2.08         | 1.74  | 2.81     | 1.78  |          |
| Best Pain  | 1 wk     | 2.44         | 1.82  | 2.88     | 1.83  | .015     |
|   | 4 wk     | 2.28         | 1.82  | 2.53     | 1.83  |          |
|   | 8 wk     | 2.72         | 2.12  | 2.00     | 2.06  |          |
|   | Baseline | 7.72         | 1.53  | 7.98     | 1.56  |          |
| Worst Pain  | 1 wk     | 7.39         | 1.95  | 6.86     | 1.94  | .086     |
|   | 4 wk     | 7.11         | 1.91  | 6.41     | 1.88  |          |
|   | 8 wk     | 6.83         | 2.33  | 5.82     | 2.33  |          |

PRP = platelet-rich plasma; SD = standard deviation; FRI = Functional Rating Index; SF-36 = 36-Item Short Form Health Survey.

\* P value indicates significance of interaction effect of treatment over time.

Pas de complication



# Groupe original de PRP

**6 mois (n=28 pts)**

EVA-pire dlr (-1.66)  $p<0.01$

(MCID=2)

FRI (-12.92)  $p<0.01$

(MCID=9)

SF-36 dlr (+14.67)  $p=0.03$

(MCID=10)

**1 an (n=21 pts)**

EVA-pire dlr (-2.12)  $p<0.01$

FRI (-17.49)  $p<0.01$

SF-36 dlr (+24.51)  $p<0.01$

SF-36 fct (+16.80)  $p<0.01$

(MCID=5)

Aucune donnée catégorique

Pas analyse du PRP

Pas analyse par IRM

Pas de cx à 1 an



## SPINE SECTION

### *Original Research Articles*

# Intradiscal Platelet-Rich Plasma Injection for Chronic Discogenic Low Back Pain: Preliminary Results from a Prospective Trial

David Levi, MD,\* Scott Horn, DO,\*  
Sara Tyszko, PA,\* Josh Levin, MD,<sup>†</sup>  
Charles Hecht-Leavitt, MD,<sup>‡</sup> and  
Edward Walko, DO\*

levels, two at 3 levels, and one at 5 levels. Categorical success rates were as follows: 1 month: 3/22 = 14% (95% CI 0% to 28%), 2 months: 7/22 = 32% (95% CI 12% to 51%), 6 months: 9/19 = 47% (95% CI 25% to 71%).



Étude prospective, 22 pts; pts qui ont payé 950\$x1 niveau et 1150\$x 2 niveaux- pas de subvention

Injection fluoroscopique ID 1.5 cc PRP autologue

Dx: Provocation discale OU dlr lombaire centrale, dlr assis, déchirure annulaire à IRM, protrusion, MODIC 1 ou 2 . Autres sources dlr lombaire éliminés



Succès:  $\geq 50\%$  ↓EVA et  $\geq 30\%$  ↑ODI

**Table 7** Number and proportions (95% confidence intervals) of patients who reported the combinations of categorical changes indicated in back pain scores on visual analog scale (VAS) and Oswestry Disability Index (ODI) after treatment with intradiscal platelet-rich plasma

| Follow-up       | Outcomes                     |                                |                              |                               | ODI            |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
|                 | Back pain (VAS)              |                                |                              |                               |                |
|                 | 100%                         | >50%                           | <50%                         | Worse                         |                |
| <b>1 month</b>  |                              | <b>3</b><br><b>14% (0-28)</b>  |                              | <b>1</b><br><b>5% (0-13)</b>  | <b>&gt;30%</b> |
|                 |                              | 2<br>9% (0-21)                 | 8<br>36% (16-57)             | 1<br>5% (0-13)                | <30%           |
|                 |                              | 2<br>9% (0-21)                 | 3<br>14% (0-28)              | 2<br>9% (0-21)                | worse          |
| <b>2 months</b> | <b>1</b><br><b>5% (0-13)</b> | <b>6</b><br><b>27% (9-46)</b>  | <b>2</b><br><b>9% (0-21)</b> | <b>1</b><br><b>5% (0-13)</b>  | <b>&gt;30%</b> |
|                 |                              | 1<br>5% (0-13)                 | 5<br>23% (5-40)              |                               | <30%           |
|                 |                              | 2<br>9% (0-21)                 | 1<br>5% (0-13)               | 3<br>14% (0-28)               | worse          |
| <b>6 months</b> | <b>1</b><br><b>6% (0-15)</b> | <b>8</b><br><b>42% (20-64)</b> | <b>1</b><br><b>6% (0-15)</b> | <b>3</b><br><b>17% (0-32)</b> | <b>&gt;30%</b> |
|                 |                              | 3<br>17% (0-32)                | 3<br>17% (0-32)              |                               | <30%           |
|                 |                              | 1<br>6% (0-15)                 | 2<br>11% (0-24)              | 2<br>11% (0-24)               | worse          |

Regions highlighted in bold indicate numbers and proportions of patients who satisfied the combined criteria of 50% improvement in VAS and 30% improvement in ODI score.

22 pts

22 pts

19 pts

32%

48%

Critères inclusion:

Lombalgie  $\geq 6$  mois avec ÉVA:  
 $\geq 40\text{mm}/100\text{mm}$

1- 4 pts: Discographie positive- SIS

OU

2- 18 pts:: Dlr lombaire centrale+  
manœuvres de centralisation et IRM:

HIZ, ↓intensité signal en T2,  
protrusion discale, **MODIC 1-2**

Aucune complication





# PRP-haute concentration

> Int Orthop. 2022 Jun;46(6):1381-1385. doi: 10.1007/s00264-022-05389-y.

Epub 2022 Mar 28.

## Clinical outcomes following intradiscal injections of higher-concentration platelet-rich plasma in patients with chronic lumbar discogenic pain

Cole Lutz<sup>1</sup>, Jennifer Cheng<sup>2</sup>, Meredith Prysak<sup>3</sup>, Tyler Zukofsky<sup>3</sup>,  
Rachel Rothman<sup>2</sup>, Gregory Lutz<sup>4 5</sup>

Succès= :  $\geq 2$  pts EVA ET  $\geq 9$ -pts FRI ET satisfaction pt

- À ~18 mois: 70% pts (26/37 pts) ; échec 19% (7/37pts) (aucun critère rempli)
- Satisfaction 81% (30/37pts) (>10X) vs 55% (cohorte hx 29 pts (<5X))  $p=0.032$

1 cas de spondylodiscite

Étude rétrospective 37 pts-  
ID PRP (>10X)  
VS cohorte hx 29 pts- ID PRP  
(<5X)

60 ml sang= 4 ml PRP (plt >10x)

Injection ID 2 ml/ disque sur 1-2  
min

Pts ont reçu PRP- leukocyte rich  
ou poor

Age moyen: 42.7+/- 18.2 ans  
(14-72)

Suivi moyen à 18.3 +/- 13.3  
mois (variable...)



Systematic Review/Meta-Analysis

# The effectiveness of intradiscal biologic treatments for discogenic low back pain: a systematic review

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- Revue systématique, méta-analyse non faite car études trop hétérogènes
- Fait en 2018, update 2020
- 3063 études(après lecture abstract)= 37 études
- Patients avec douleur discogénique confirmé par discographie provocatrice OU clinique et imagerie consistant avec dlr discogénique
- Thérapies inclus:
  - Cellules souches mésenchymales
  - PRP
  - Cellules souches mésenchymales avec gras microfragmenté
  - Injectat membrane amniotique
  - Sérum autologue conditionné
- Outcome primaire:  $\downarrow \geq 50\%$  dlr à 6mois
- Outcome secondaire:  $\downarrow \geq 2$  pts EVA; satisfaction pt; fct,  $\downarrow$  utilisation analgésiques/chx; changements discaux à IRM



# PRP – analyse globale des données

- 1 RCT et 4 études de cohorte
- Soulagement >50% dlr lombaire avec un suivi minimum de 6 mois:
  - 54.8% (IC95%: 40-70%) (23/42 pts)
  - Pas d'autres analyses possibles à cause de l'hétérogénéité des outcomes
- Évidence GRADE: **Évidence de très basse qualité** (*very low*)
  - ECR: problème de randomisation, outcomes manquants chez  $\geq 20\%$  pts
  - Pas étude de plus de 30 pts
  - Intervalles de confiance très larges
  - Études avec manque de puissance pour détecter des changements significatifs entre les groupes





# Efficacy of intradiscal injection of platelet-rich plasma in the treatment of discogenic low back pain

## A single-arm meta-analysis

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- 3 ECR et 3 études prospectives



ODI &gt;30%

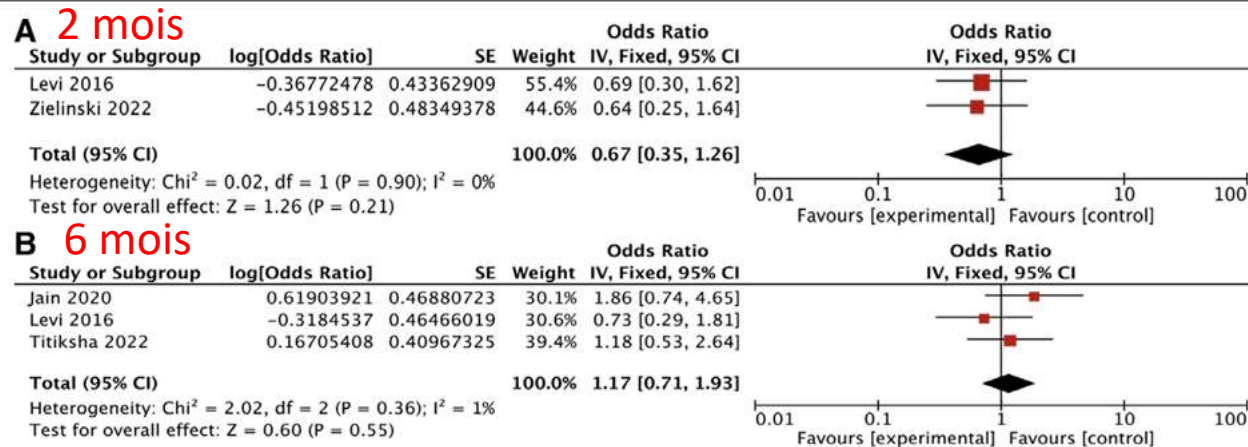


Figure 5. The incidence rates when ODI scores decreased (A) by >30% from baseline after 2 months of treatment and (B) by >50% from baseline after 6 months of treatment. ODI = Oswestry Disability Index.

↓ DOULEUR &gt;30%

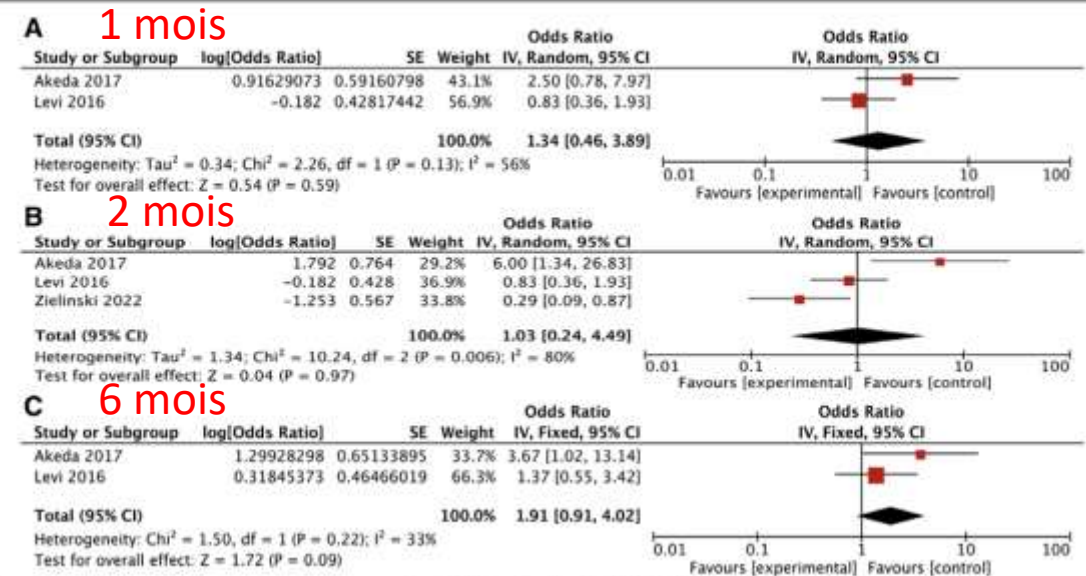
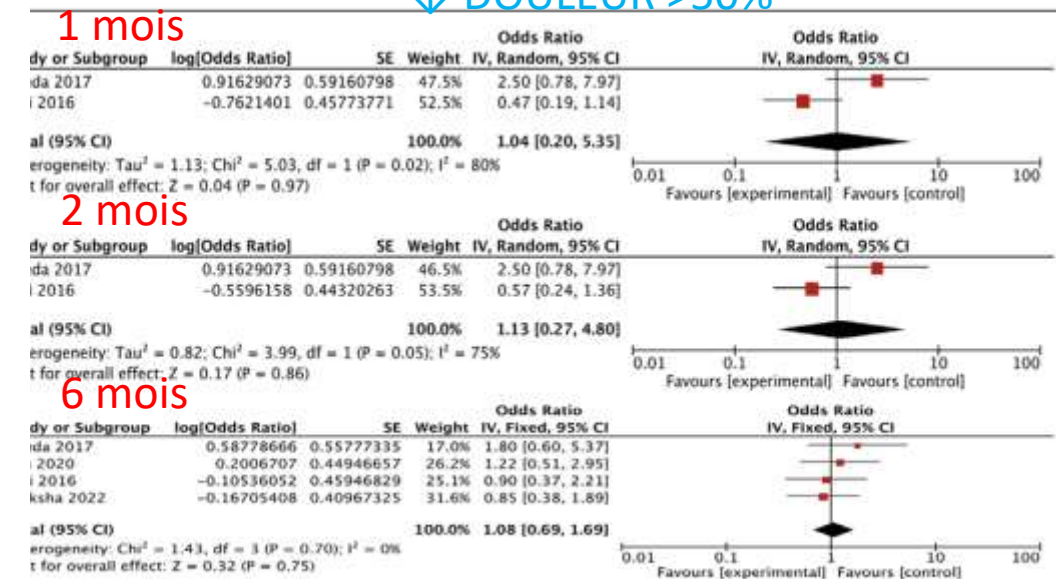


Figure 3. The incidence rate when pain scores decreased by >30% from baseline after (A) 1, (B) 2, and (C) 6 months of treatment.

↓ DOULEUR &gt;50%



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# Intradiscal Platelet-Rich Plasma Injections for the Treatment of Discogenic

## IPSIS Vancouver 2022 Chronic Low Back Pain : A Prospective Clinical Trial

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### Introduction

Intradiscal Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP) for chronic low back pain (CLBP) is safe and shows moderate efficacy in improving pain levels and function between 6 to 12 months.

The interest behind the use of PRP is increasingly growing.

### Objectives

To assess the efficacy of intradiscal PRP injection in chronic low back pain subjects at up to 18 months

### Methods

10 patients were followed prospectively for 18 months after initial unsuccessful management for confirmed discogenic pain (9/10 had a positive provocative discography).

Leucocyte-poor PRP intradiscal injections were done as per the SIS guidelines

Primary outcomes: changes in low back pain (Visual Analog Scale (VAS)) and function (Oswestry Disability Index (ODI)). Statistically significant changes included  $\downarrow 2$  pts or  $\downarrow 50\%$  on the VAS and  $\downarrow 30\%$  on the ODI

Secondary outcomes: return to work, intake of opioids, and use of physical therapy.

Outcomes were evaluated at 6, 12, and 18 months.

### Results

Demographics: 10 patients (5 women; 5 men)

Average age: 41 years old  $\pm 10.1$  years

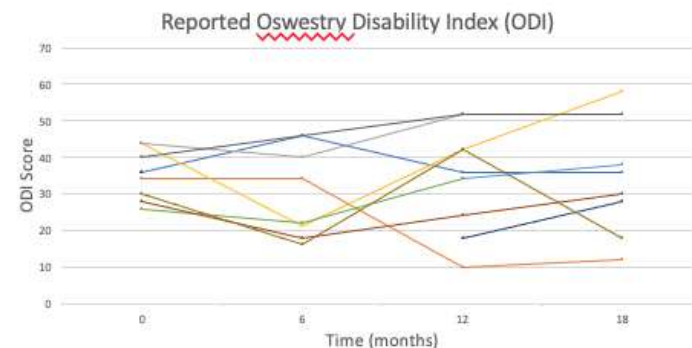
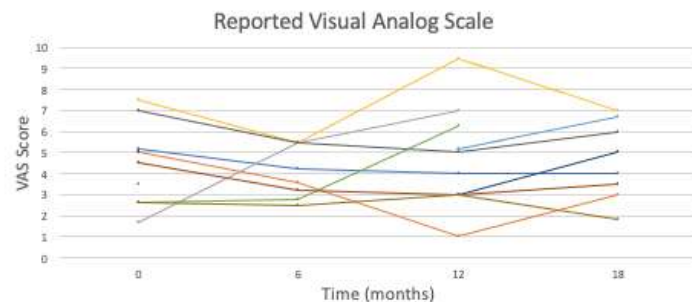
Average LBP duration: 53.5 months  $\pm 34$  months

Injection levels: 2 at L3-L4; 3 at L4-L5; 8 at L5-S1

Mean PRP injectate volume: 2.26cc  $\pm 0.78$ cc

89% of patients with High Intensity Zone (HIZ) on MRI

Maximal benefit seen at 6 months in VAS and ODI scores



Please note the gaps in the graphics above are secondary to missing data points at the set follow up dates

| Outcome / Time  | 6 months | 12 months | 18 months |
|---|----------|-----------|-----------|
| VAS (MCID : $\downarrow 2$ pts or $\downarrow 50\%$ ) | 13%      | 30%       | 25%       |
| ODI (MCID : $\downarrow 30\%$ )                       | 25%      | 20%       | 25%       |

| Outcome / Time         | Baseline | 18 months | Net change |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Currently working      | 50%      | 60%       | +10%       |
| Taking opioids         | 40%      | 40%       | 0%         |
| Doing physical therapy | 50%      | 30%       | -20%       |

Please note that losses at follow up are found in our data points

### Conclusion

The prospective data gathered during a longitudinal follow-up of 18 months demonstrated modest pain relief and functional improvements in patients with long-lasting discogenic low back pain.

Secondary outcomes demonstrated minute but favorable changes in adjuvant treatment and return to work.

Safety of this procedure has been noted in the absence of complications.

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  tude prospective, 10 patients (2016-9)

41 ans  $\pm 10.1$  ans

Dur  e moyenne dlr 53.5 months  $\pm 34$  months

Provocation discale + : 9/10 pts

89% avaient une d  chirure annulaire    IRM

5 pts avec MODIC 1  
2 pts avec MODIC 2  
3 pts sans MODIC

Niveaux inject  s: 2 at L3-L4; 3 at L4-L5; 8 at L5-S1

Volume moyen PRP inject  : 2.26cc  $\pm 0.78$ cc (Harvest Smart-Prep2)



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# Beaucoup de questions sur le PRP

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- Grande variation interpersonnelle de plts (et donc, de FC)- âge, comorbidités, médication (AINS), statut nutritionnel
- Composition PRP optimale-GR et GB?
- Effet du contraste, ATB, anesthésiant avec PRP- effets délétères?
- Injection dans AF, NP ou plateau vertébral?
- Système utilisé:
  - 1 ou 2 spins (centrifugation)
  - Concentration plaquettaire basse vs haute
    - Concentration plaquettaire basse (2.5-3Xbaseline)-Arthrex ACP (2-3x), Cascade PPR therapy (1-1.5x), PRGF by Boitech Institute Vitoria, Spain (2-3x), Regen PRP (Regen Laboratory, Mollens, Switzerland) vs haute (5-9Xbaseline)-Biomet GPS II and III (platelet count 3-8x), Harvest **SmartPrep 2 APC+ (4-6x)**, ArterioCyte-Medtronic Magellan (3-7x)





# OZONE-GAZ



Mélange  $O_2$  95-98% et  $O_3$  à 2-5%

# Mécanismes action ozone

1- Oxygénation tissulaire

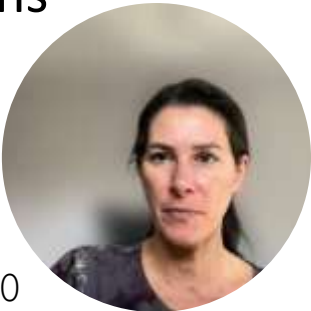
2- Effet anti-inflammatoire

- Interrompt la cascade acide arachidonique en prostaglandines
- ↑ cytokines immunosuppresseurs (TGFβ1, IL-10)
- ↑ relâche antagonistes neutralisant cytokines proinflammatoires (IL-1, 8, 12, 15, IFNα, TNFα )

3. *Momification discale*- déshydratation de matrice → ↓ brise chaînes de glycoaminoglycans

## EFFET ANALGÉSIQUE

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# Complications

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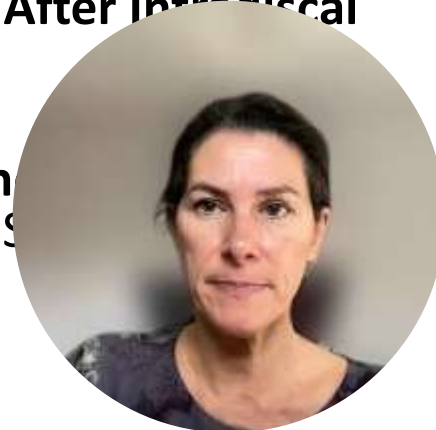
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## MRI findings in lumbar spine following O<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>3</sub> chemiodiscolysis: A long-term follow-up

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### Abstract

Intradiscal O<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>3</sub> injections are conventionally used as a minimally invasive treatment for lumbar disc herniation in patients not responding to conservative treatments. The aim of the present study is to report data of long-term imaging follow-up (3 years) of patients treated with intradiscal O<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>3</sub> lumbar chemiodiscolysis. We evaluated the changes of disc volume and the modifications in disc appearance (in terms of disc degeneration) and endplate changes (according to Modic), comparing the results with a control group of patients. Our results showed a stable reduction of the disc herniation volume in patients treated compared with the control group, while we did not find statistically significant differences in terms of disc degeneration and endplate changes (Modic). We concluded that the O<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>3</sub> discolysis, despite leading to a significant shrinkage of the disc herniation, does not involve – in the long term – biomechanical changes of the spine in terms of acceleration of the disc degeneration process in comparison with the natural course.

Étude rétrospective. 50 pts ozone, 50 pts contrôle (inj cortico périradiculaire)

Intervalle IRM de 11 mois:

- Résorption de 70% des HD importantes et modérées
- À 3 ans post-O<sub>3</sub>: Réduction volume discal vu dans 84% des HD
- 81% des disques avait ↓ >50%- ↓ SS plus importante ds gr ozone vs contrôle

DD (changement de Pfirrmann): pas accélération vs hx naturelle dans les disques adj non rx vs gr contrôle  
MODIC: Pas de changement entre ozone ID et gr contrôle



## Conclusion:

Ozone ID est associé à une réduction volume SS des HD avec des effets stables dans le temps  
-O<sub>3</sub> plus efficace à réduire le volume des petites HD

Pas de changements biochimiques en terme d'accélération du processus DD ou MODIC vs contrôle.



# Metaanalysis of the effectiveness and safety of ozone treatments for herniated lumbar discs

*Steppan J. J Vasc Interv Radiol 2010; 21: 534-48*

11 études avec injections ID ozone pour rx HD:

- Démonstration que rx à l'ozone est efficace et sécuritaire (cx<0.1%) pour le rx des HD
- Données ~8000 pts, multiples centres, pls pays
- Effet comparable aux HD lombaires traitées avec micro/discectomie chx sans les taux de cx



# Clinical Study

## Intradiscal oxygen-ozone chemonucleolysis versus microdiscectomy for lumbar disc herniation radiculopathy: a non-inferiority randomized control trial

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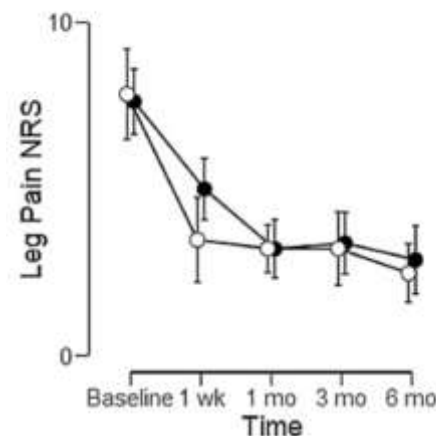
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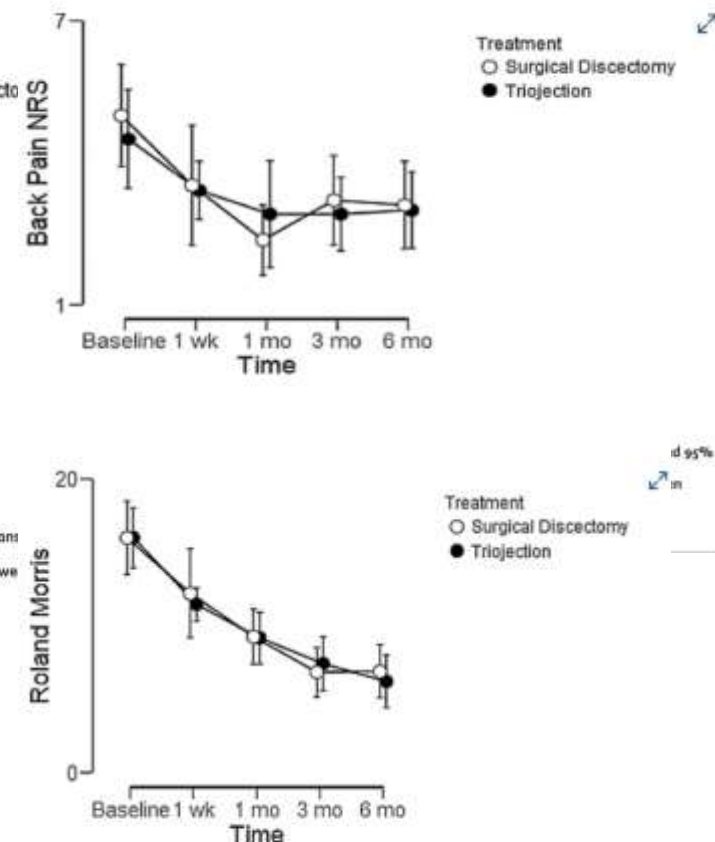
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**Fig. 5** Leg pain scores through six months. NRS, 0 is no pain, and 10 is maximum pain. Means and confidence limits are shown. Time effect was significant ( $p < .001$ ). Treatment difference between groups was not significant ( $p = .529$ ). No significant changes after 1 month.



**Fig. 7** Roland Morris Disability Index scores through 6 months. 0 is no disability and 24 is complete disability. Means and 95% confidence limits are shown. Time effect was significant ( $p < .001$ ) while treatment difference between groups was not ( $p = .586$ ).

1ere ECR multicentrique européenne  
Ozone ID vs microdiscectomie pour LS réfractaire- HD 1 niveau  
49 pts (moyenne 40 ans) HD contenue 1 niveau, rx conservateur  $\geq 6$  sem  
25 pts O3ID et 24 pts microdiscectomie

Amélioration SS ds les 2 groupes à 6 mois: dlr radiculaire, lombaire et fct  
Test de non-infériorité qui supporte O3 ID vs microdiscectomie à 6 mois  
pour dlr radiculaire  
Suivi à 6mois, 71% des pts avec O3 ID ont pu éviter une discectomie  
O3 ID procédure + rapide de 58 min. Pas de cx dans les 2 groupes

AT population: -0.31 (SE, 0.84) points  
ITT population: 0.32 (SE, 0.88) points  
La différence entre O3 et MD n'a pas d'impact significatif  
IC95% de différence de rx des populations AT et ITT



Drs Bergeron, Bouthillier, Denis, Filiatrault,  
Fortin, Raymond

But étude à IPQ 2011:  
Traiter douleur discogénique en  
lien avec déchirure annulaire sx



**CRITÈRES INCLUSION**

- Patients âgés entre 18 et 65 ans
- Douleur lombaire avec ou sans irradiation aux MI (dlr lombaire prédominante)
- Provocation discale positive selon les critères de l'ISIS/IASP:
  - Douleur concordante de  $\geq 7/10$
  - Déchirure annulaire de grade 3 ou 4 (échelle de Dallas) à la discographie suivie d'une tomodensitométrie axiale
  - Disque(s) adjacent(s) contrôle(s) asymptomatique(s)
  - Manométrie:  $<50$  psi au-dessus de la pression d'ouverture
- Durée des symptômes  $\geq 3$  mois
- Échelle visuelle analogue  $\geq 5$
- Échec du traitement conservateur (physiothérapie, ostéopathie, ergothérapie, médication, infiltrations)



**PATIENTS' CHARACTERISTICS**  
**ID OZONE**

|                      |          |                                  |           |
|----------------------|----------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of patients   | 20       | Duration of lumbar pain (months) |           |
| Gender               |          | Average+/-SD                     | 101+/- 88 |
| Male                 | 5 (25%)  | Range                            | 24-300    |
| Female               | 15 (75%) | Medication                       | 20        |
| Age (years)          |          | Narcotics                        | 8         |
| Average              | 44 +/-9  | Schober (cm)                     |           |
| Range                | 29-64    | On 10 cm                         | 13.8      |
| Scolarity            |          | On 15 cm                         | 19.5      |
| Primary/Secondary    | 7 (35%)  | Levels of ID ozone               |           |
| Collegial/University | 13 (65%) | 1 level :                        | 13        |
| Type of work         |          | L3-L4 :                          | 1         |
| Sedentary            | 18 (90%) | L4-L5 :                          | 3         |
| Manual               | 2 (10%)  | L5-S1 :                          | 9         |
|                      |          | 2 levels :                       | 7         |
|                      |          | L3-L4 + L4-L5                    | 1         |
|                      |          | L4-L5 + L5-S1                    | 6         |



# Succès

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↓ ≥50% EVA **et** ↑20% fonction

À 3 mois (n=19): 2 pts- 11%

À 6 mois (n=18): 3pts- 17%

↓ ≥20% EVA **et** ↑20% fonction

À 3 mois (n=19): 5pts- 26%

À 6 mois (n=18): 7pts- **39%**

Fonctionnerait  
mieux chez pt  
avec DD sx?

**PAS DE COMPLICATION**



# Étude prospective ozone- 28 pts (2016-2019) ~8 ans dlr

Indications: IRM: HD ≥5mm, dégénérescence discale sx



|                       | T2  | T6  | T12 | T18 | T24 |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Pain (↓ 2 pts or 50%) | 17% | 10% | 29% | 13% | 40% |
| ODI (↓ 30%)           | 17% | 32% | 35% | 7%  | 47% |
| Nb of Patients at F/U | 23  | 19  | 17  | 16  | 15  |

|                | BASELINE | END | CHANGE |
|----------------|----------|-----|--------|
| Return to Work | 45%      | 58% | 13%    |
| Use of Therapy | 54%      | 38% | -16%   |
| Use of Opioid  | 54%      | 45% | -9%    |

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# DONNÉES POUR AUTRES TRAITEMENTS?



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# Cellules Souches Mésenchymales autologues- Analyse globale des données (Pettine et Wolff)





- Analyse impossible avec autres types de traitements (pas assez de données)
- Évidence GRADE: **Évidence de qualité très basse** (*very low*) pour douleur et fonction
  - Risque de biais
  - Sélection imprécise des pts
  - Imprécision des mesures de résultats
  - Aucune étude de plus de 33 pts dans chaque groupe étudié
  - IC très larges
  - Études avec manque de puissance pour détecter une différence entre les groupes
  - Critères de sélection très hétérogènes
  - Composition de l'injectat très variable

|  | 6 mois                                 | 12 mois                                |
|--|--|--|
| Soulagement >50% dlr (données originales)  | 53.5% (IC95%: 38.6-68.4%) (23/43 pts)  | 52.3% (IC95%: 37.5%-67.0%) (23/44 pts) |
| Soulagement >50% dlr (Worst-case analysis) | 39.0% (IC95%: 26.5-51.4%) (23/59 pts)  | 39.0% (IC95%: 26.5-51.4%) (23/59 pts)  |
| ↓>30% ODI (données originales)             | 74.3% (IC95%: 59.8%-88.7%) (26/35 pts) | 64.1% (IC95%: 49.0%-79.2%) (25/39 pts) |
| ↓>30% ODI (worst-case analysis)            | 44.1% (IC95%: 28.1%-53.2%) (26/59 pts) |  |





# The effectiveness of intradiscal corticosteroid injection for the treatment of chronic discovertebral low back pain: a systematic review

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## Abstract

**Objective:** Determine the effectiveness of intradiscal corticosteroid injection (IDCI) for the treatment of discovertebral low back pain.

**Design:** Systematic review.

**Population:** Adults with chronic low back pain attributed to disc or vertebral end plate pain, as evidenced by positive provocation discography or Modic 1 or 2 changes on magnetic resonance imaging.

**Intervention:** Fluoroscopically guided or computed tomography-guided IDCI.

**Comparison:** Sham/placebo procedure including intradiscal saline, anesthetic, discography alone, or other active treatment.

**Outcomes:** Reduction in chronic low back pain reported on a visual analog scale or numeric rating scale and reduction in disability reported by a validated scale such as the Oswestry Disability Index.

**Methods:** Four reviewers independently assessed articles published before January 31, 2023, in Medline, Embase, CENTRAL, and CINAHL. The quality of evidence was evaluated with the Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development, and Evaluation (GRADE) framework. The risk of bias in randomized trials was evaluated with the Cochrane Risk of Bias tool (version 2).

**Results:** Of the 7806 unique records screened, 6 randomized controlled trials featuring 603 total participants ultimately met the inclusion criteria. In multiple randomized controlled trials, IDCI was found to reduce pain and disability for 1–6 months in those with Modic 1 and 2 changes but not in those selected by provocation discography.

**Conclusion:** According to GRADE, there is low-quality evidence that IDCI reduces pain and disability for up to 6 months in individuals with chronic discovertebral low back pain as evidenced by Modic 1 and 2 changes but not in individuals selected by provocation discography.

**Study registration:** PROSPERO (CRD42021287421).

**Keywords:** end plate; vertebroplasty; Modic; spine; steroid.

- 6 ECR + 3 études de cohorte  
**GRADE: Évidence Basse qualité**

**Bénéfice court-terme (1-6 mois)  
chez pts avec MODIC 1-2:**

-EVA: ↓ dlr moyenne de 2-4 pts ds  
groupe stéroïde sur 6 ECR  
-ODI: Pas d'amélioration ds 4/6 ECR

Pas de bénéfice chez ceux  
sélectionnés par provocation  
discale



# Intradiscal Therapies → Future

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# Traitements de la douleur vertébrogénique: Thermolésion nerf vertébrobasilaire (TL NVB)



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Étude SMART

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## Intraosseous basivertebral nerve ablation for the treatment of chronic low back pain: a prospective randomized double-blind sham-controlled multi-center study

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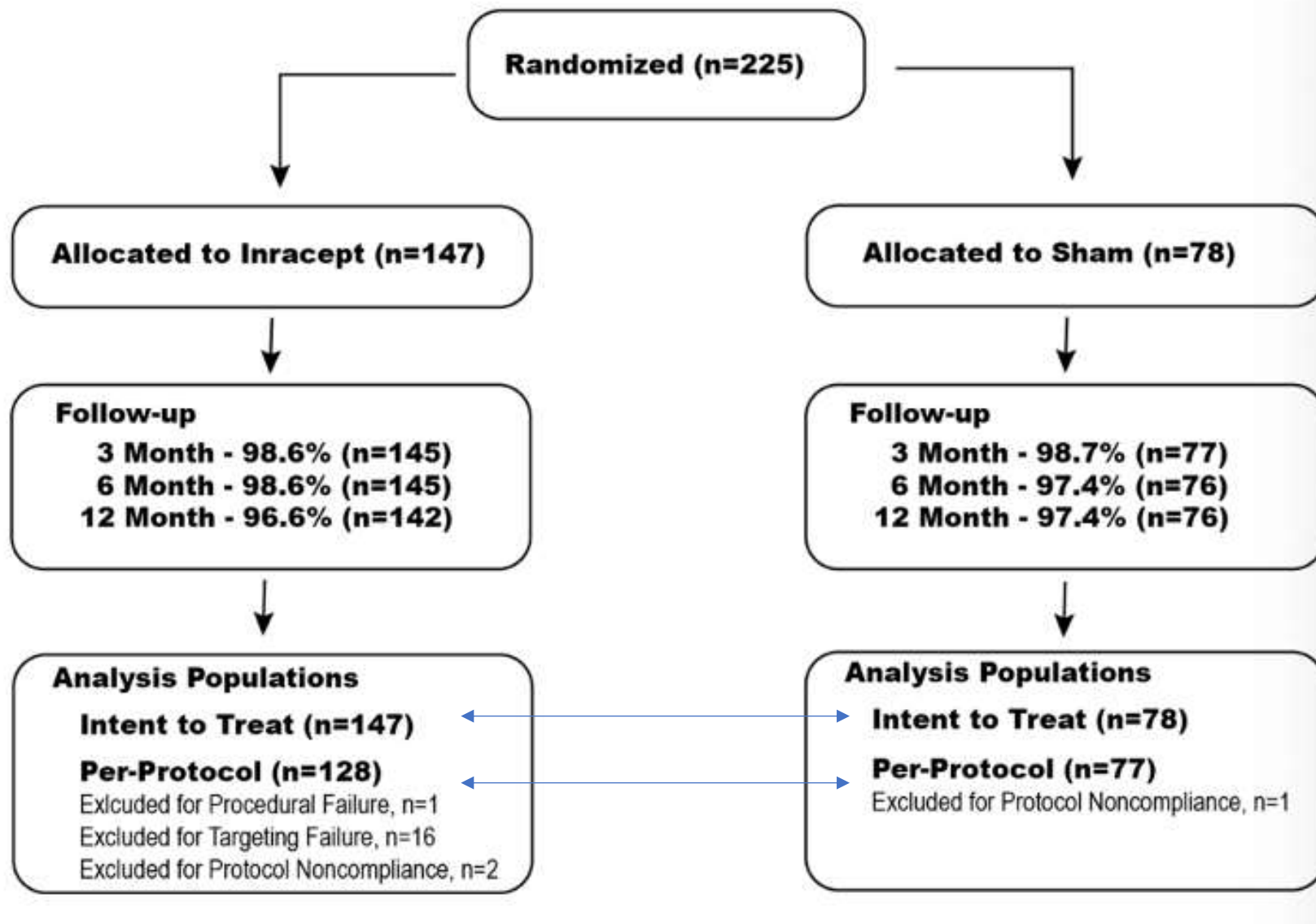


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- ÉCR 225 pts, multicentrique, contrôlée avec placebo, à double-insu
- À 1 an, pts placebo pouvait croiser dans le rx actif
- Objectif: Évaluer la sécurité et l'efficacité de la thermolésion nerf vertébrogénique (TL NBV)





- Outcomes:
- Primaire: ODI
- Secondaire:
  - SF-36
  - EVA
  - IRM à 6 sem et 6 mois



Cross-over à 1 an: 73% (57/78); seulement les données de sécurité ont été récoltées à 3 mois

## INCLUSION

1. Skeletally mature patients with chronic ( $\geq 6$  months) isolated lumbar back pain, who had not responded to at least 6 months of nonoperative management
2. Type 1 or Type 2 Modic changes at one or more vertebral body for levels L3–S1
3. Minimum ODI of 30 points (100-point scale)
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5. Ability to provide informed consent, read, and complete questionnaires



## EXCLUSION

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5. Metabolic bone disease, spine fragility fracture history, or trauma/compression fracture, or spinal cancer
6. Spine infection, active systemic infection, bleeding diathesis
7. Radiographic evidence of other pain etiology
8. Disc extrusion or protrusion  $>5$  mm
9. Spondylolisthesis  $>2$  mm at any level
10. Spondylolysis at any level
11. Facet arthrosis/effusion correlated with facet-mediated LBP
12. BDI  $>24$  or  $\geq 3$  Waddell's signs
13. Compensated injury or litigation

Pas de BBM  
faits

# Technique thermolésion nerf vertébrogénique

- 50,2% pts anesthésie générale et 49,8% sédation consciente modérée
- Pt DV, sous fluoro
- 2 groupes
  - TL NVB (Système Intracept- Relievant Medsystem)
  - Placebo (Canule introduite 1-2 mm dans le pédicule et simulation TL)
- Terminus NVB= 40-60% distance AP du CV



Fig.1 Targeting of the ablation is performed preoperatively on a sagittal or coronal (not shown) image of the level to be treated. The distance from the posterior wall to the end of the channel with the



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## Intrasept Procedure Steps

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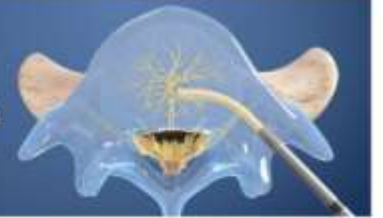
Enter the vertebrae



Following a 3-5mm incision, an Introducer is advanced into the vertebrae

2

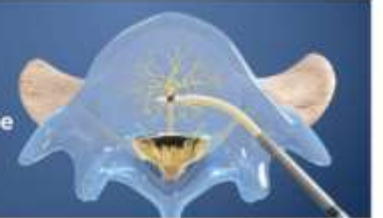
Create the channel



A curved instrument is utilized to create a channel to the trunk of the basivertebral nerve

3

Place the RF Probe



The Radiofrequency Probe is inserted into the curved path and placed at the trunk of the basivertebral nerve

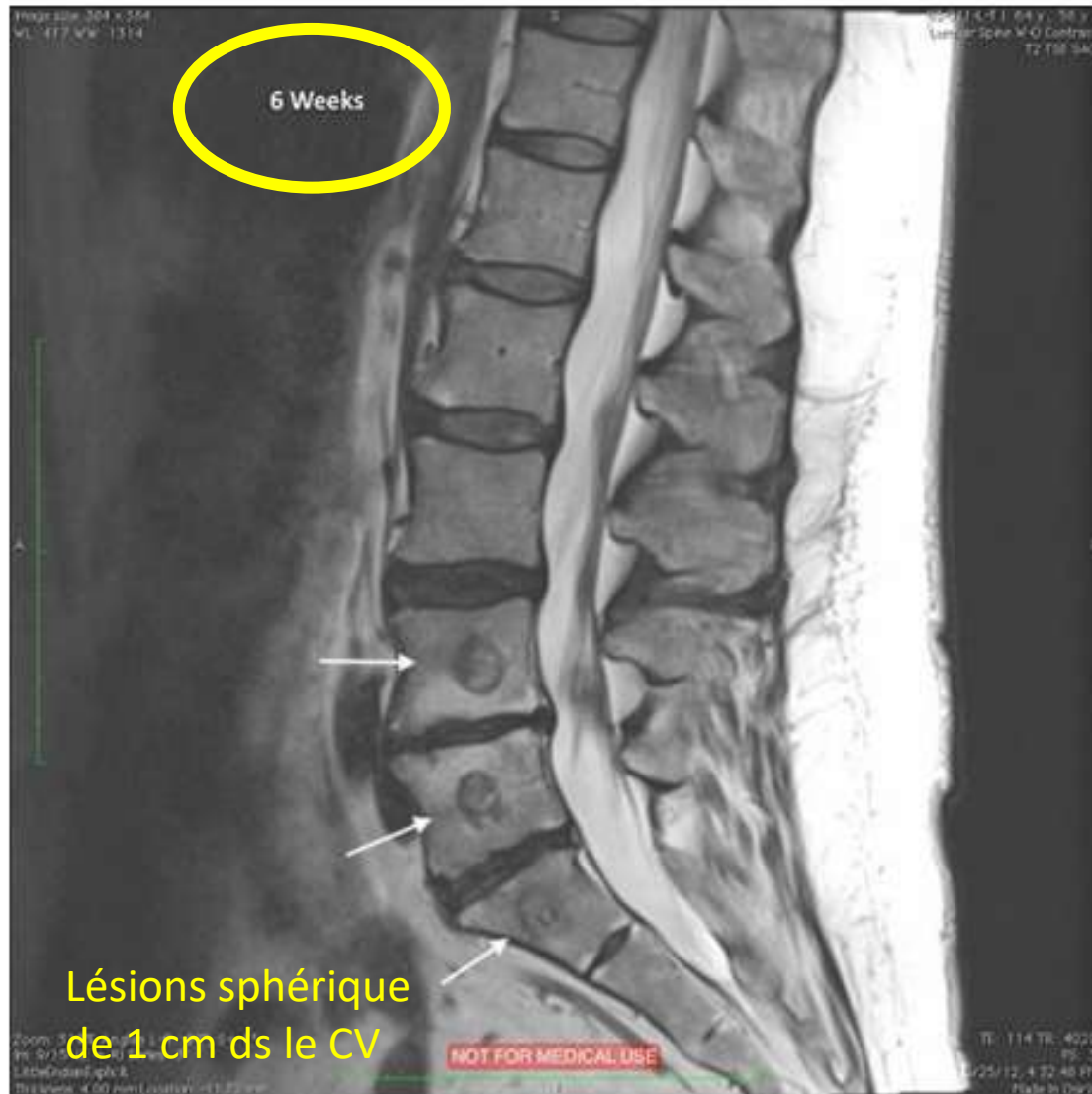
4

Ablate the BVN



Radiofrequency energy (heat) is used to ablate the basivertebral nerve, rendering it unable to transmit pain signals





### SMART TRIAL

... imaging of patient treated and L4–L5–S1 as seen at 6 weeks (left image) and 6 months (right image).  
 ... dle of the vertebral body; bone remodeling and healing is observed by 6 months



**Table 1** Patient demographics and baseline characteristics

| Characteristic                            | Intrasept system arm ( <i>n</i> = 147) | Sham control arm ( <i>n</i> = 78) | <i>p</i>           |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Age (years), mean (range)                 | 46.9 (26–69)                           | 47.1 (25–69)                      | 0.869 <sup>a</sup> |
| Male, <i>n</i> (%)                        | 82 (55.8%)                             | 41 (52.6%)                        | 0.708 <sup>b</sup> |
| BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ), mean (range)    | 27.44 (18.9–38.4)                      | 27.16 (19.2–38.0)                 | 0.666 <sup>a</sup> |
| Caucasian, <i>n</i> (%)                   | 134 (91.2%)                            | 71 (91.0%)                        | 0.409 <sup>b</sup> |
| Married, <i>n</i> (%)                     | 101 (68.7%)                            | 50 (64.1%)                        | 0.142 <sup>b</sup> |
| College degree or higher, <i>n</i> (%)    | 87 (59.2%)                             | 47 (60.3%)                        | 0.535 <sup>b</sup> |
| Working before procedure, <i>n</i> (%)    | 110 (74.8%)                            | 57 (73.1%)                        | 0.328 <sup>b</sup> |
| Current tobacco use, <i>n</i> (%)         | 25 (17.0%)                             | 10 (12.8%)                        |                    |
| Duration low back symptoms, <i>n</i> (%)  |  |                                   |                    |
| ≥ 6 months to < 1 year                    | 6 (4.1%)                               | 4 (5.1%)                          | 0.990 <sup>c</sup> |
| ≥ 1 year to < 2 years                     | 15 (10.2%)                             | 8 (10.3%)                         |                    |
| ≥ 2 years to < 3 years                    | 10 (6.8%)                              | 5 (6.4%)                          |                    |
| ≥ 3 years to < 5 years                    | 18 (12.2%)                             | 7 (9.0%)                          |                    |
| ≥ 5 years                                 | 98 (66.7%)                             | 54 (69.2%)                        |                    |
| Opioid use before procedure, <i>n</i> (%) | 51 (34.7%)                             | 27 (34.6%)                        | 0.872 <sup>b</sup> |
| Modic changes, <i>n</i> (%)               |  |                                   |                    |
| Type 1                                    | 46 (31.3%)                             | 29 (37.2%)                        | 0.578 <sup>b</sup> |
| Type 2                                    | 89 (60.5%)                             | 42 (53.8%)                        |                    |
| Type 1 and Type 2                         | 12 (8.2%)                              | 7 (9.0%)                          |                    |
| ODI mean (range)                          | 42.9 (30–76)                           | 41.1 (26–78)                      | 0.277 <sup>a</sup> |
| VAS mean (range)                          | 6.82 (4.0–10.0)                        | 6.63 (4.0–9.1)                    | 0.343 <sup>a</sup> |
| BDI mean (range)                          | 7.7 (0–23)                             | 7.6 (0–24)                        | 0.853 <sup>a</sup> |
| SF-36 PCS mean (range)                    | 33.22 (14.83–48.11)                    | 34.07 (14.01–54.15)               | 0.407 <sup>a</sup> |
| SF-36 MCS mean (range)                    | 51.97 (23.05–69.06)                    | 52.72 (20.07–73.38)               | 0.579 <sup>a</sup> |

*BDI* Beck Depression Inventory, *PCS* physical component summary, *MCS* mental component summary

<sup>a</sup>*p* value from a two-way ANOVA with treatment group and analysis center as factors

<sup>b</sup>*p* value from a CMH general association test stratified by analysis center

<sup>c</sup>*p* value from a CMH row mean scores test stratified by analysis center



# Résultats SMART TRIAL

ITT: Tous les pts inclus- pertes au suivi sont analysés comme des échecs

PP: Exclusion des non-compliants au rx, procédure pas faite et échec de la TL

## 3 mois outcome primaire ODI

- Population intention-to-treat: ↓ 19.0 vs 15.4 (placebo) (p=0.107)
- Population per-protocol: ↓ 20.5 vs 15.2 (placebo) (p=0.019)
- MCID de 10 pts= 75.6% vs 55.3% (placebo)

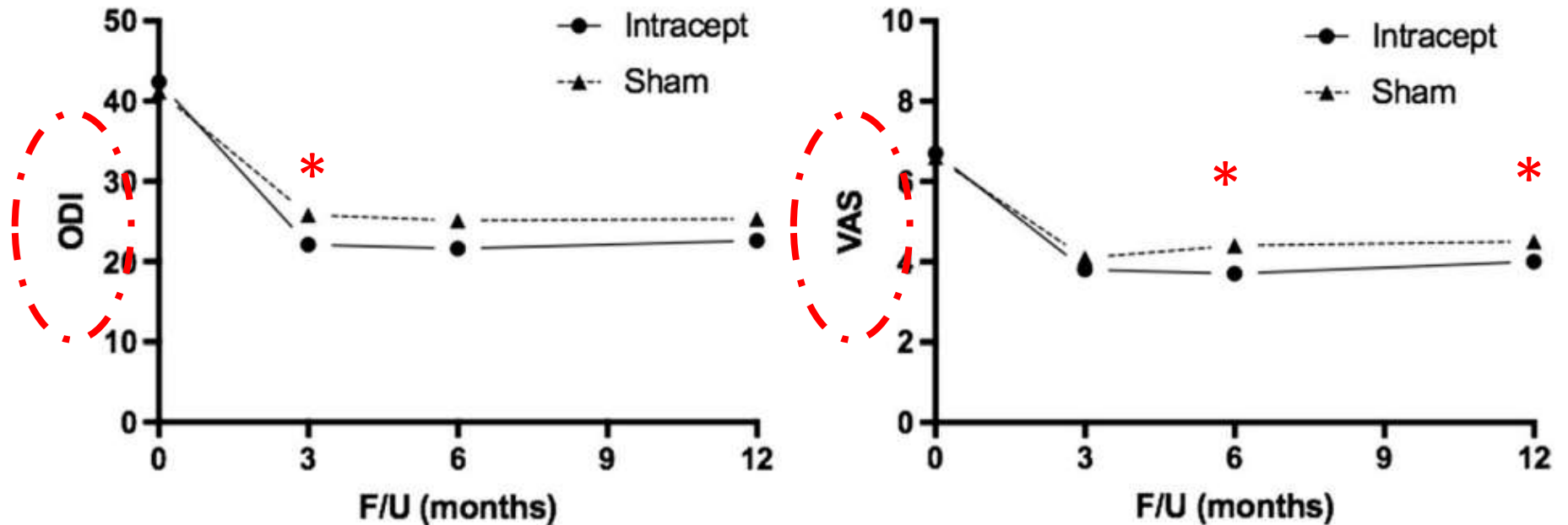


**Table 2** Summary of ODI primary end point analyses

| ITT population   | Intrasept system arm ( <i>n</i> = 147) | Sham control arm ( <i>n</i> = 78) | <i>p</i> |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|----------|
| LS mean ODI change from baseline 95% confidence interval for LS mean | – 19.0 [– 21.6, – 16.5]                | – 15.4 [– 18.9, – 11.9]           | 0.107    |
| PP population  | Intrasept system arm ( <i>n</i> = 128) | Sham control arm ( <i>n</i> = 77) | <i>p</i> |
| LS mean ODI change from baseline 95% confidence interval for LS mean | – 20.5 [– 23.2, – 17.8]                | – 15.2 [– 18.7, – 11.7]           | 0.019    |

## Valeurs moyennes: pas de données catégoriques

**Fig. 4** Mean values of ODI and VAS plotted for all f/u times through 1 year. ODI improvement in treatment arm statistically significant compared to sham arm at 3 months; VAS improvement statistically significant at 6 and 12 months ( $p < 0.05$ )



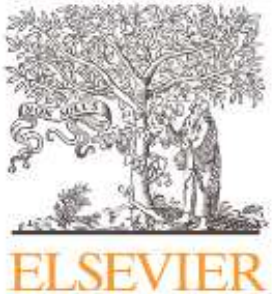
IRM à 6 sem et 6 à mois:

Pas d'anomalie moelle épinière, nécrose avasculaire ou DD accélérée  
1 pt a eu changement MODIC 1 à 2 entre 6 sem et 6 mois



# Etude Intracept

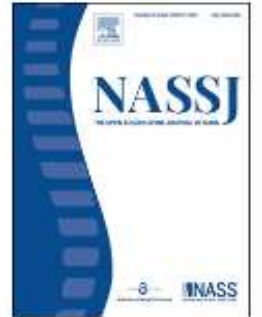
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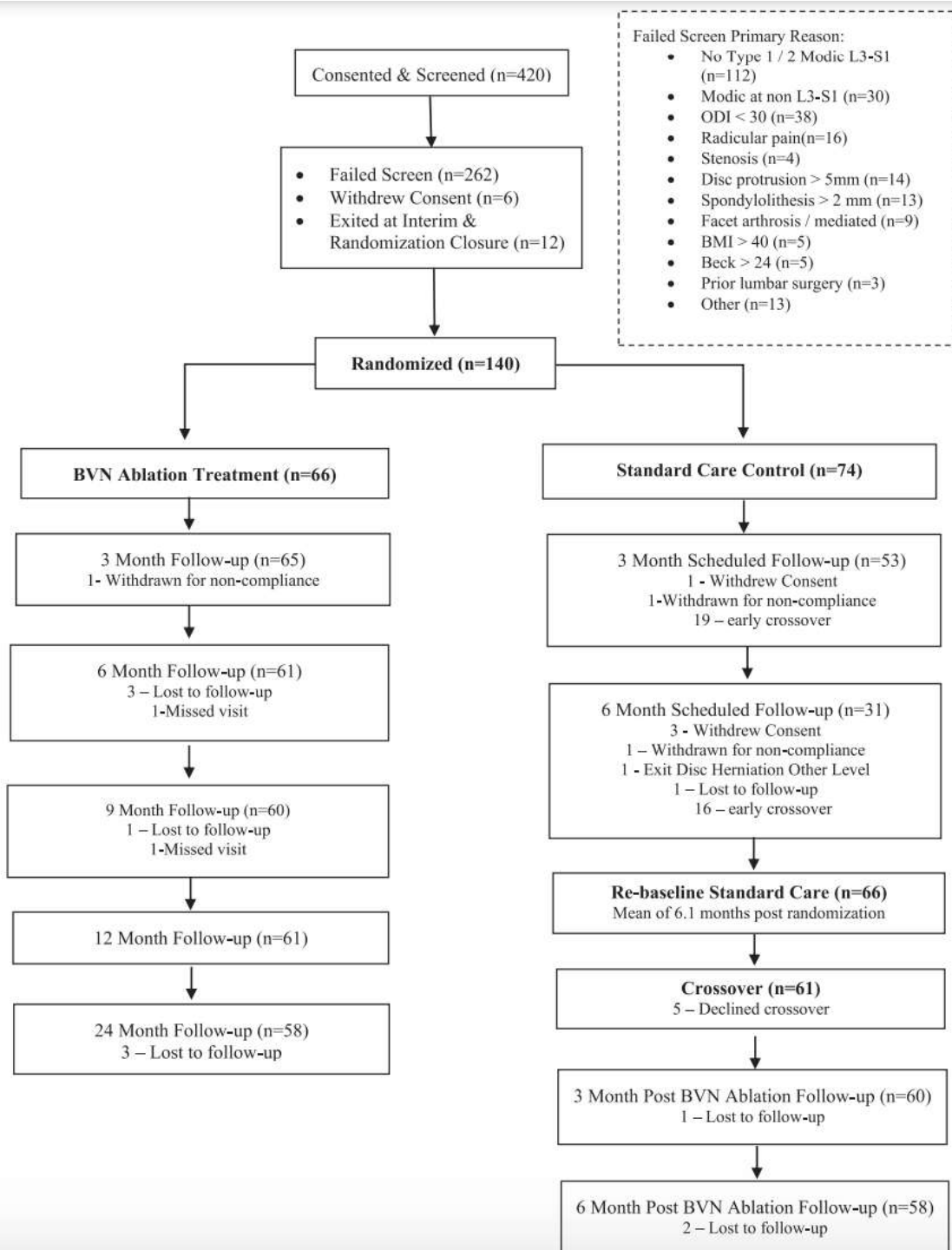
## Clinical Studies

Prospective, randomized, multicenter study of intraosseous basivertebral nerve ablation for the treatment of chronic low back pain: 24-Month treatment arm results

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Même critères inclusion et exclusion que SMART

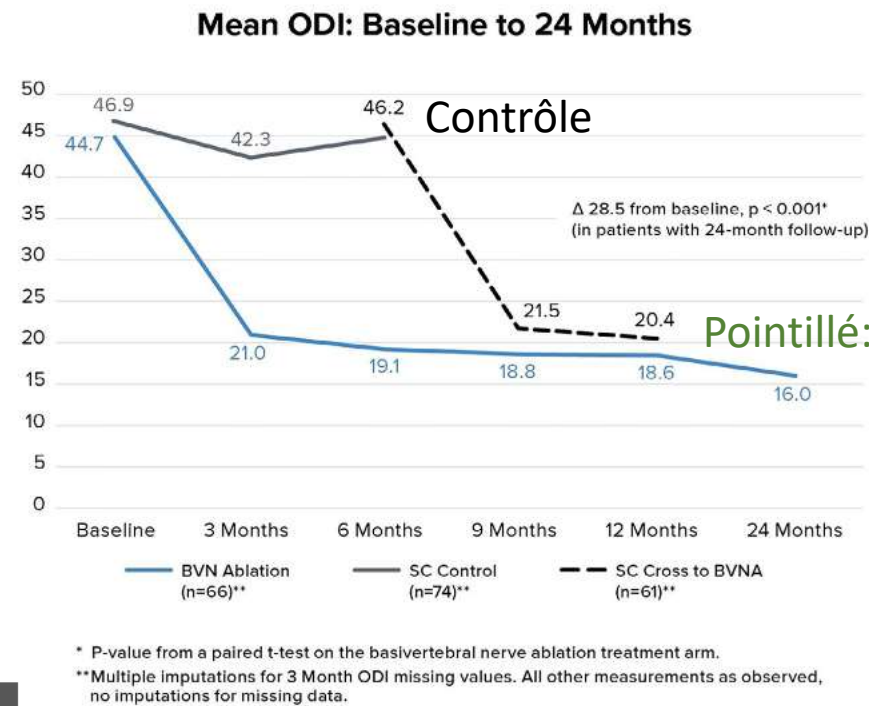
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Cross-over à 6 mois= 61 pts

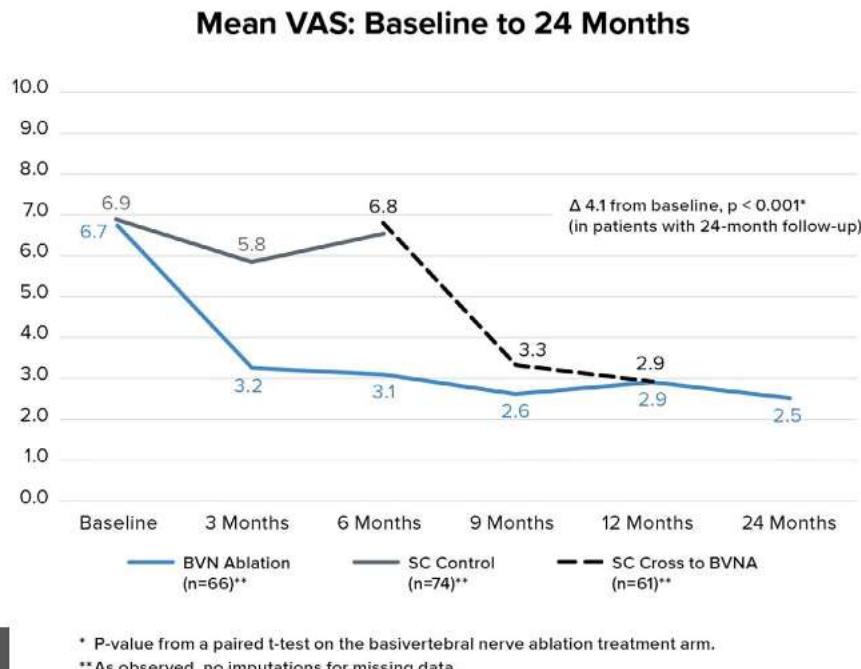


Étude INTRACEPT:  
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# Intracept



**Fig. 2.** Mean oswestry disability index (ODI) over time. This graph depicts the mean ODI at each study follow-up for each arm of the RCT through the longer-term follow-up of the BVNA arm. A statistically significant and clinically meaningful difference in mean ODI was observed from baseline/re-baseline for each timepoint in patients treated with BVN ablation, including in control patients that crossed to active treatment. Abbreviations: ODI, Oswestry Disability Index; BVNA, basivertebral nerve ablation.



**Fig. 3.** Mean visual analog scale (VAS) over time. This graph depicts the mean VAS at each study follow-up for each arm of the RCT through the longer-term follow-up of the BVNA arm. A statistically significant and clinically meaningful difference in mean VAS was observed from baseline/re-baseline for each timepoint in patients treated with BVN ablation, including in control patients that crossed to active treatment. Abbreviations: VAS, visual analogue scale; BVNA, basivertebral nerve ablation.



**Table 4**

**Responder rates.** Responder rates were defined as  $\geq 15$ -point reduction in Oswestry Disability Index (ODI) and  $\geq 2$  cm reduction in Visual Analog Scale (VAS). Individual measurement responder rates and combined responder rates were significant at all timepoints for BVNA arm patients.

| Responder rates ( $\geq 15$ -point ODI and $\geq 2$ cm VAS reduction) | Basivertebral nerve ablation arm ( $N = 66$ ) | $p$ -Value |
|---|---|------------|
| <b>3 Month</b>  | $N = 65^a$                                    | $<0.001^b$ |
| ODI $\geq 15$ -point reduction – $n$ (%)                              | 45 (69.2%)                                    |            |
| VAS $\geq 2$ cm reduction – $n$ (%)                                   | 48 (72.7%)                                    |            |
| Combined (reductions in ODI $\geq 15$ and VAS $\geq 2$ ) – $n$ (%)    | 41 (63.1%)                                    |            |
| <b>6 Month</b>  | $N = 60^a$                                    | $<0.001^b$ |
| ODI $\geq 15$ -point reduction – $n$ (%)                              | 41 (67.2%)                                    |            |
| VAS $\geq 2$ cm reduction – $n$ (%)                                   | 45 (75.0%)                                    |            |
| Combined (reductions in ODI $\geq 15$ and VAS $\geq 2$ ) – $n$ (%)    | 35 (58.3%)                                    |            |
| <b>9 Month</b>  | $N = 60^a$                                    | $<0.001^b$ |
| ODI $\geq 15$ -point reduction – $n$ (%)                              | 40 (66.7%)                                    |            |
| VAS $\geq 2$ cm reduction – $n$ (%)                                   | 45 (75.0%)                                    |            |
| Combined (reductions in ODI $\geq 15$ and VAS $\geq 2$ ) – $n$ (%)    | 37 (61.7%)                                    |            |
| <b>12 Month</b>   | $N = 61^a$                                    | $<0.001^b$ |
| ODI $\geq 15$ -point reduction – $n$ (%)                              | 42 (68.9%)                                    |            |
| VAS $\geq 2$ cm reduction – $n$ (%)                                   | 48 (78.7%)                                    |            |
| Combined (reductions in ODI $\geq 15$ and VAS $\geq 2$ ) – $n$ (%)    | 40 (65.6%)                                    |            |
| <b>24 Month</b>   | $N = 57^{a,c}$                                | $<0.001^b$ |
| ODI $\geq 15$ -point reduction – $n$ (%)                              | 44 (77.2%)                                    |            |
| VAS $\geq 2$ cm reduction – $n$ (%)                                   | 46 (79.3%)                                    |            |
| Combined (reductions in ODI $\geq 15$ and VAS $\geq 2$ ) – $n$ (%)    | 42 (73.7%)                                    |            |

Abbreviations: ODI, Oswestry Disability Index; VAS, visual analogue scale; cm, centimeters

<sup>a</sup> As observed, with no imputation for missing data.

<sup>b</sup><sub>P</sub><sup>b</sup>  $p$ -value from a Binomial test.

<sup>c</sup> 57 patients with ODI and 58 patients with VAS at 24 months.





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# The Effectiveness of Intraosseous Basivertebral Nerve Radiofrequency Ablation for the Treatment of Vertebrogenic Low Back Pain: An Updated Systematic Review with Single-Arm Meta-analysis

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Revue systématique avec méta-analyse à un bras

- 2 ECR: TL NVB vs 1- placebo (1,2,5 ans) et 2- tx conservateur (3,6,12,24 mois)
- 4 études de cohorte (3-12 mois)

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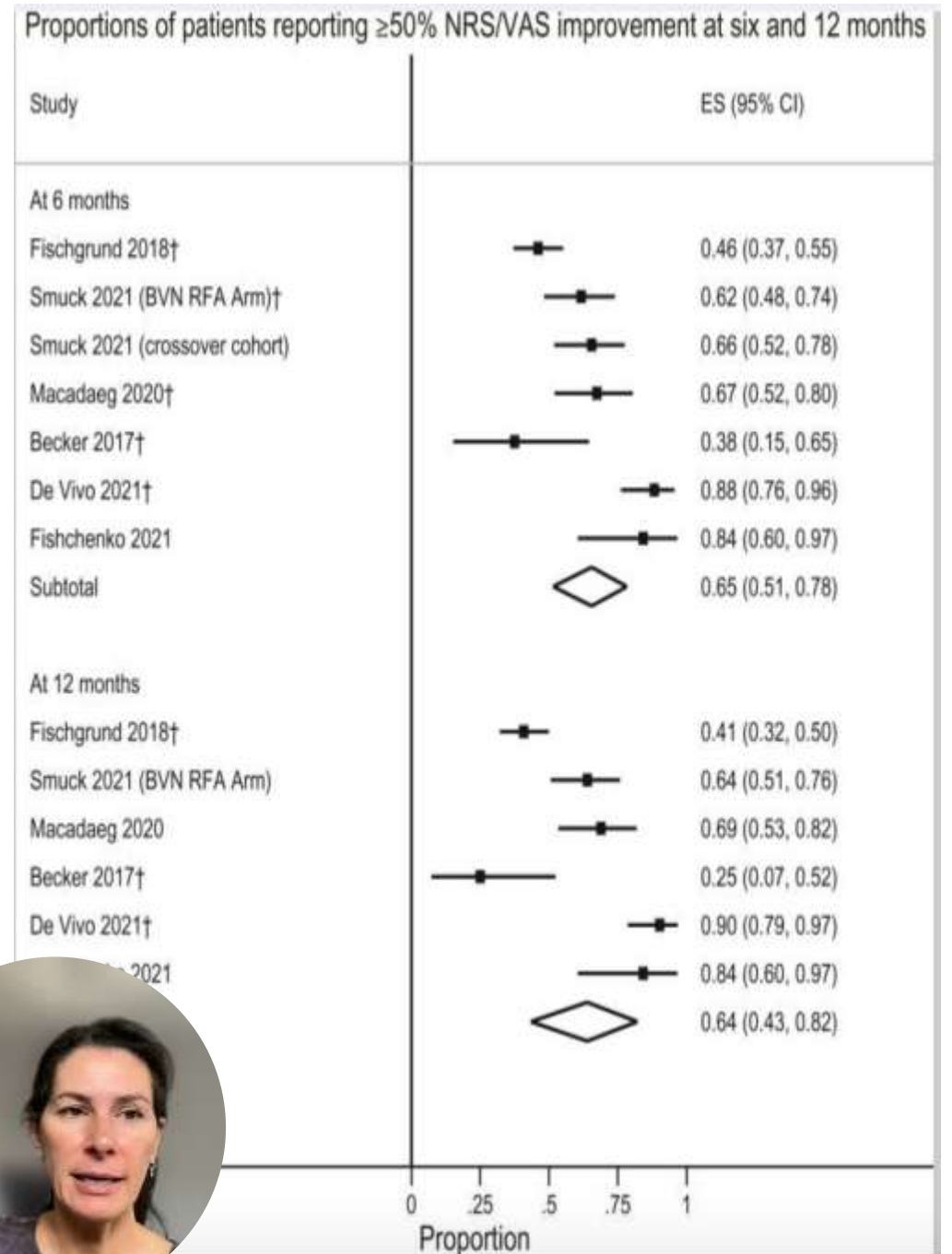
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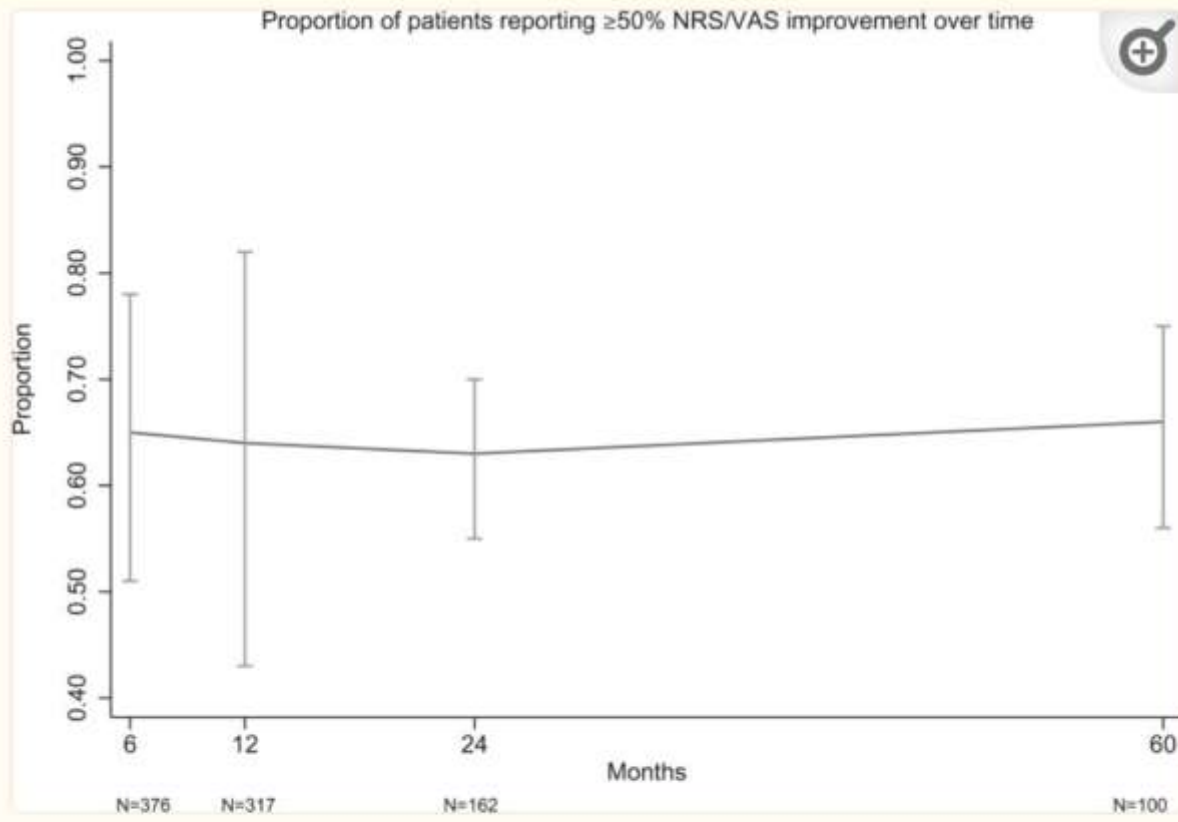


- Méta-analyse à un bras:  
basée données PerProtocol...

## Outcomes (414 participants):

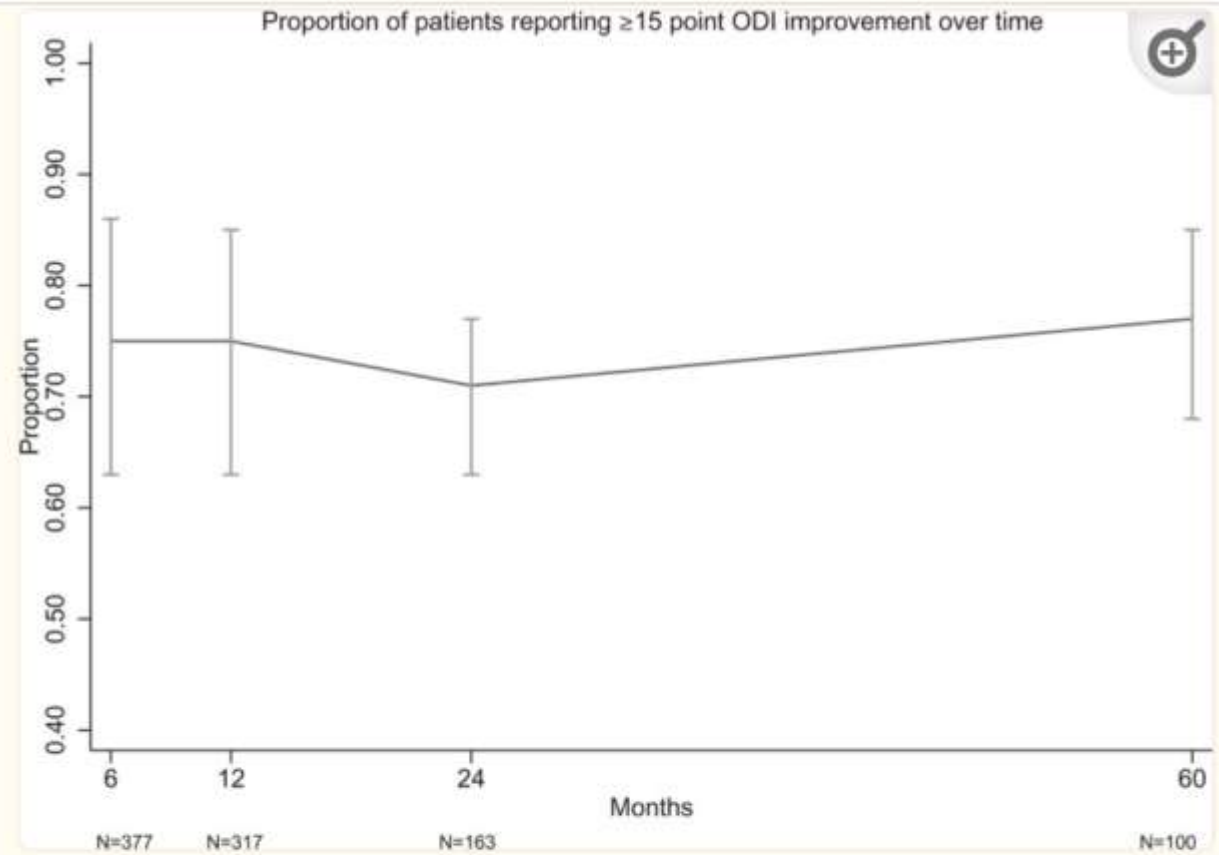
- EVA: Succès ↓ dlr  $\geq 50\%$ :
  - 6 mois: 65% (IC95% 51-78%)
  - 12 mois 64% (IC95% 43-82%)
- ODI: Succès ↓  $\geq 15$ -point
  - 6 mois: 75% (IC95% 63–86%)
  - 12 mois 75% (IC95% 63–85%)





[Figure 4.](#)

Proportion of patients reporting  $\geq 50\%$  NRS/VAS improvement over time.



[Figure 5.](#)

Proportion of patients reporting  $\geq 15$ -point ODI improvement over time.

Amélioration durable à 2 et 5 ans  
 NVG contient plusieurs fibres nonmyélinisées=  
 TL peut produire amélioration durable des sx



# Complications: seulement temporaires

- Douleur transitoire jambe (2° pénétration pédicule)
  - 11% (14/127 dans INTRACEPT)
  - Résolution en 48,5 jours
- Hémorragies rétropéritonéale (2 cas)
  - 2° positionnement trop latéral





# Évaluation qualité GRADE



- Seulement 2 ECR <sup>1-2</sup>
- Incapacité que les pts du groupe placebo soit aveugle au rx de façon efficace
- Biais de publication – plusieurs études financées par l'industrie
  - 2 études indépendantes en 2021

**Évidence de qualité modérée** que TL NVB fonctionne pour améliorer la douleur et fonction chez pt avec lombalgie d'origine VG vs TL placebo<sup>1</sup> et rx conservateur<sup>2</sup>

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Scoping Review



## Basivertebral Nerve Ablation for the Treatment of Chronic Low Back Pain: A Scoping Review of the Literature

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### **Limitations:** The limitations found were:

- A very specific chronic pain population is typically utilized for this intervention. The inclusion criteria leave many who experience chronic low back pain ineligible for the procedure.
- Study demographics need to be more diversified to truly represent the chronic low back pain population.
- There is a lack of true control groups due to high crossover rates in published studies.
- Very few high-level or long-term studies have been published.
- Funding for many of the studies published on the subject is industry-led (Table 6). With an already limited amount of published research, a need for out-of-industry funding is required to avoid any possibility of bias.

# À qui s'adresse les injections intradiscales?



- Pt <50 ans qui présente x >5 ans une douleur lombaire centrale avec possibilité d'une douleur somatique référée (pas de dlr neuropathique). Blocages lombaires intermittents. Pas chx.
- E\P: Neuro N. MMT N. Peu dlr facettaire lombaire.
- Pt qui a tenté la médication (AINS, ISRN, relax musc) et tx conservateur (chiro, ostéo, acupuncture, physio) sans succès

IRM:

L4-L5: N

L5-S1: Dégénérescence discale ++ avec HD large rayon de courbure postéromédiane de 8mm. Arthrose facettaire.





# Essais thérapeutiques

- EXERCICES DE STABILISATION LOMBAIRE
- Épidurale caudale- 12-15 cc (↓ inflammation épidurale rétrodiscal en bloquant les NSV)
- Blocs facettaires L4-S1 D et G et si pas amélioration: BBM L3, L4, L5 D/G
- +/- épidurales TF L5 bilatérales (5cc /côté)

Provocation discale?

Si échec: Ozone L5-S1 (pas PRP...)?

Et si IRM:

L4-L5: Déchirure annulaire/ MODIC 1-2

L5-S1: N

Si échec: Corticostéroïde L4-L5 vs ozone?



L4-L5: Déchirure annulaire et changement MODIC 1 plateau inférieur gauche

L5-S1: Dégénérescence discale modérée. HD large rayon de courbure postéromédiane 8 mm. Arthrose facettaire droite.

## 1. PRP- régénératif/anti-inflammatoire:

- IRM: déchirure annulaire, protrusion  $\leq 5\text{mm}$

À 18 mois:

Amélioration dlr 50% ou dim 2 pts: 25%

ODI: 25%

1 RCT et 4 études de cohorte

À 6 mois: Soulagement >50% dlr lombaire:

54.8% (IC95%: 40-70%) (23/42 pts)

Évidence de qualité très basse

## 2. Ozone- AI/analgésique/momification:

- IRM: Dégénérescence discale  
HD de petite taille (+/- déchirure annulaire)

À 24 mois: (28 pts)

Amélioration dlr 50% ou dim 2 pts: 40%

ODI: 47%



MODIC 1 et 2: Cortico? Thermolésion nerf vertébrobasilaire?

# Conclusion



# Tableau de douleur discovertebrogénique (éléments antérieurs)

- Pt <50 ans
- Dlr lombaire centrale de longue date +/- DSR, possibles blocages lombaires, échec rx conservateur (médts, exs)
- Examen neuro/MMT: Négatif
- IRM lombaire: Combinaison:
  - DDD, déchirure annulaire, HD (pas dlr radiculaire), MODIC 1-2





# Avant de conclure à douleur discovertébrale...

Exs  
stabilisation  
lombaires

Infiltrations à tenter pour éliminer autres sources de douleur

## 1. Épidurale caudale/épidurales TF bilatérales

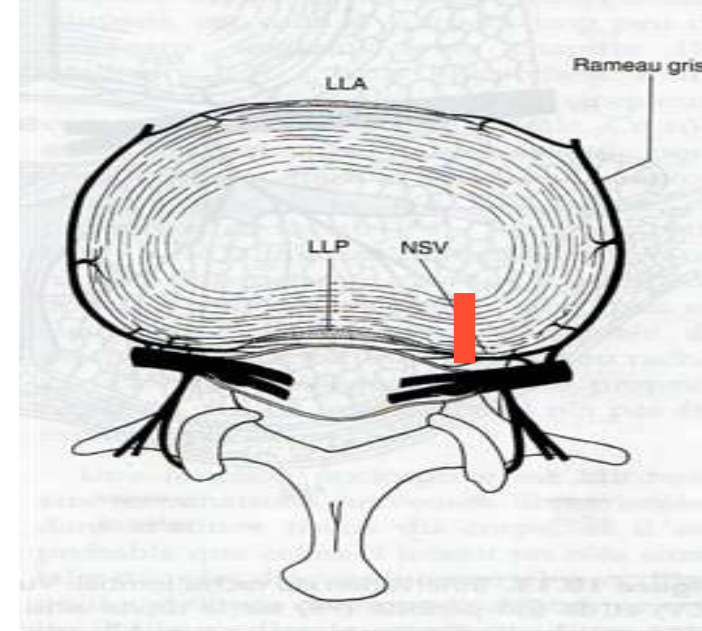
- ↓ inflammation épidurale rétrodiscal en bloquant les NSV

## 2. Blocs facettaires et/ou BBM

- Éliminer dlr origine facettaire

## 3. Infiltration sacro-iliaques et/ou BBL

+/- Provocation discale avec manométrie (scan post-provocation)



Longue discussion avec le patient concernant attentes réalistes: PRP vs Ozone intradiscal

|             | Dlr<br>discogénique  | Dlr<br>discogénique  | Dlr<br>vertébrogénique   |
|-------------|--|--|--|
| Symptômes   | Dlr lombaire centrale +/-<br>référée<br>Hx de blocages lombaires   | Dlr lombaire centrale +/-<br>référée   | Dlr lombaire centrale  |
| Signes      | Neuro N<br>MMT – (occ +)   | Neuro N<br>MMT-  | Neuro N<br>MMT-  |
| IRM         | Déchirure annulaire<br>HD $\leq 5\text{mm}$                        | Dégénérescence discale<br>HD $\geq 5\text{ mm}$ ou $\leq 5\text{mm}$                                 | MODIC 1 et 2   |
| Traitements | PRP<br>CSM (déchirure)   | Ozone<br>CSM (DD, HD)  | Corticostéroïde?<br>TL NVB<br>CSM (M1 et M2)                   |
| Évidences   | PRP: $\downarrow 50\%$ dlr<br>55% (6 mois);<br>25% (18 mois) (IPQ) | Ozone: $\downarrow 50\%$ dlr ou $\downarrow 2$ pts EVA<br>29% (12 mois) (IPQ)<br>40% (24 mois) (IPQ) | TL NVB: $\downarrow 50\%$ dlr<br>65% (6 mois)<br>64% (12 mois) |

