



L'INNOVAZIONE E LA PERSONALIZZAZIONE DEGLI INTERVENTI NELLE DIPENDENZE

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**PERCHE' E' STATA REVOCATA LA INDICAZIONE
AIFA PER IL MANTENIMENTO?**

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O NO?**

**E SE LO POSSIAMO PRESCRIVERE CON QUALI
INDICAZIONI E CONTROINDICAZIONI?**

Caputo F, Skala K, Walter H, et al. “Sodium Oxybate in the prevention of alcohol relapses in alcohol dependent patients (GATE 2 study). Alcohol Alcohol 2013; 48:S1-i33

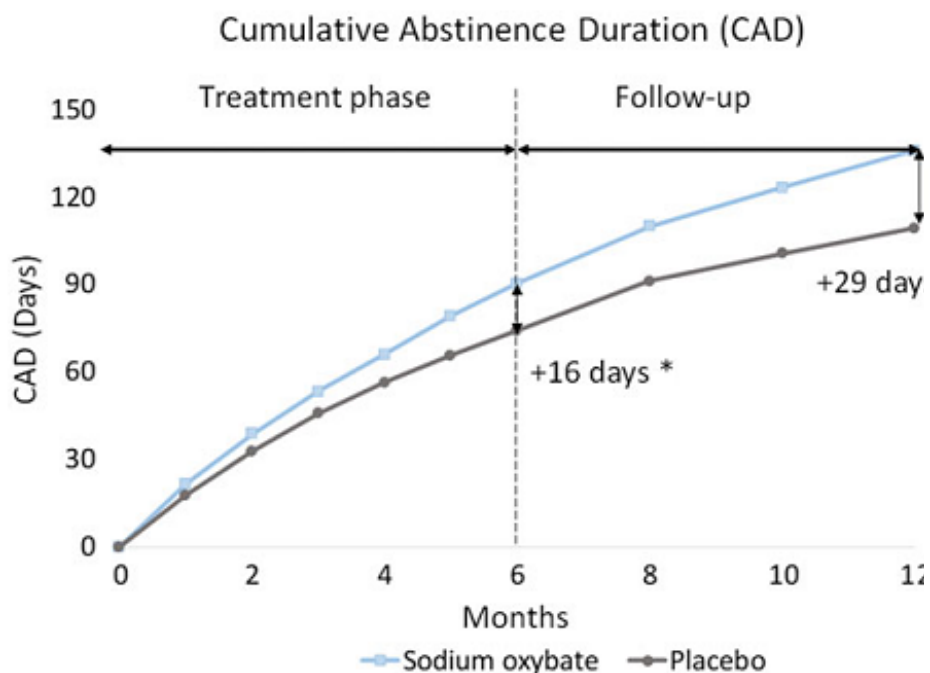


Figure 7 GATE 2 is a randomized, international, double-blind placebo-controlled trial with 314 patients. During the 6-month treatment period, patients in the sodium oxybate arm received between 3 and 4 g/day sodium oxybate syrup and were then followed up for an additional 6 months without medication. The primary endpoint was cumulative abstinence duration at month 6 (+16 days ($P < 0.05$)). This effect was further augmented during the follow-up period. The statistical significance was also confirmed by sensitivity analysis (EMA 2017)

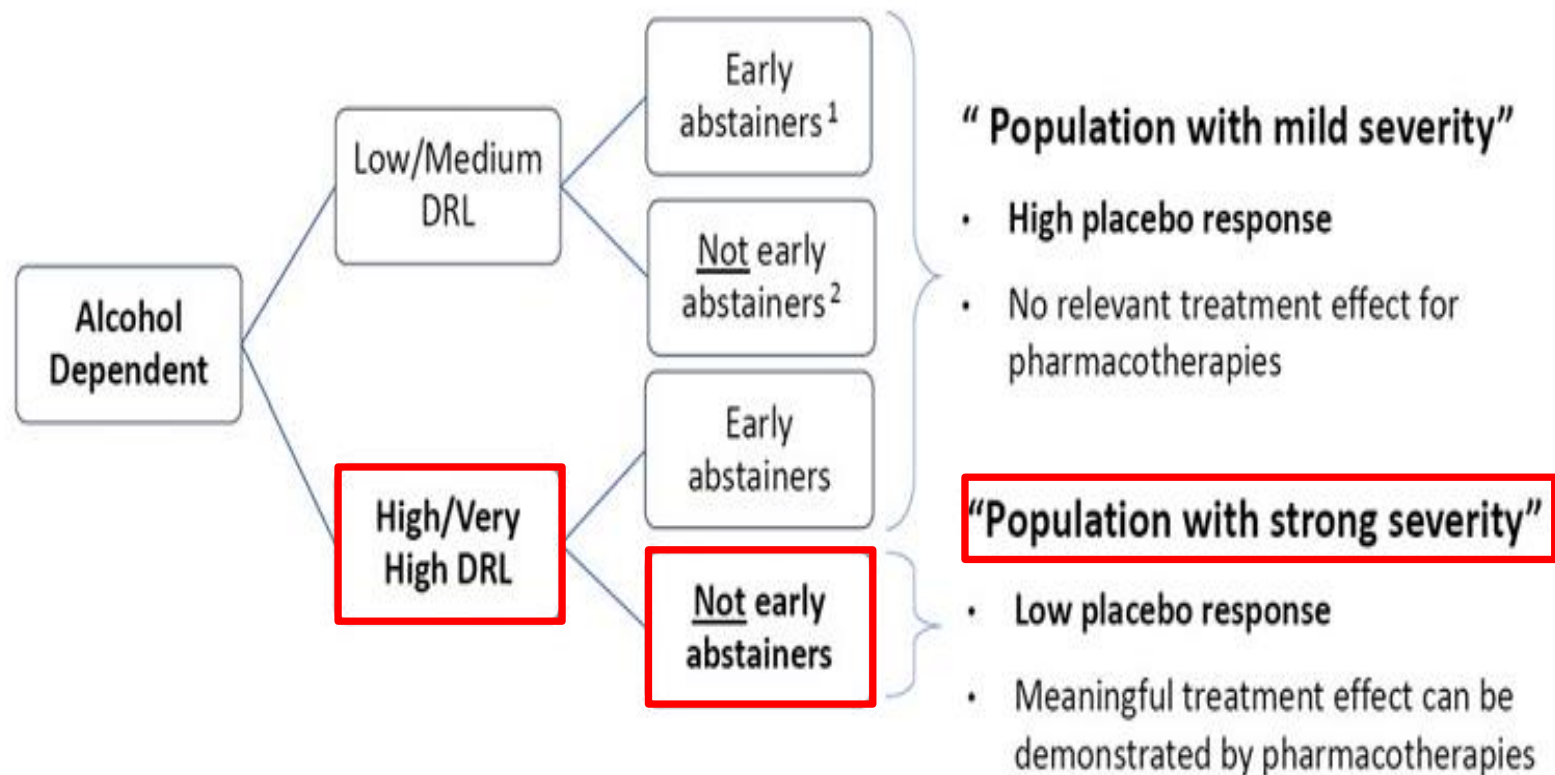


Fig. 3 Mean Percentage of Days Abstinent per week in severe and mild population. Bars indicate standard errors.

Treating alcohol dependence with an abuse and misuse deterrent formulation of sodium oxybate: Results of a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled study

(Guiraud et al, Eur. Neuropsychopharmacol 2021)

Incidence of abuse/misuse, central nervous system depression and dependence to sodium oxybate in alcohol-dependent patients (EMA 2017)

Number of events (incidence)	Clinical trials, N = 3436	Pharmacovigilance database, N = 260 000
Abuse/misuse	100 (2.91%)	6 (0.002%)
CNS depression	19 (0.55%)	14 (0.005%)
Dependence/withdrawal	4 (0.12%)	2 (0.001%)

CNS depression refers to ‘depressed level of consciousness’ and ‘sedation’ cases.

Importantly, no deaths attributable to the use of sodium oxybate have ever been reported in the pharmacovigilance database or in the clinical database



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REVIEW

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Post-marketing and clinical safety experience with sodium oxybate for the treatment of alcohol withdrawal syndrome and maintenance of abstinence in alcohol-dependent subjects

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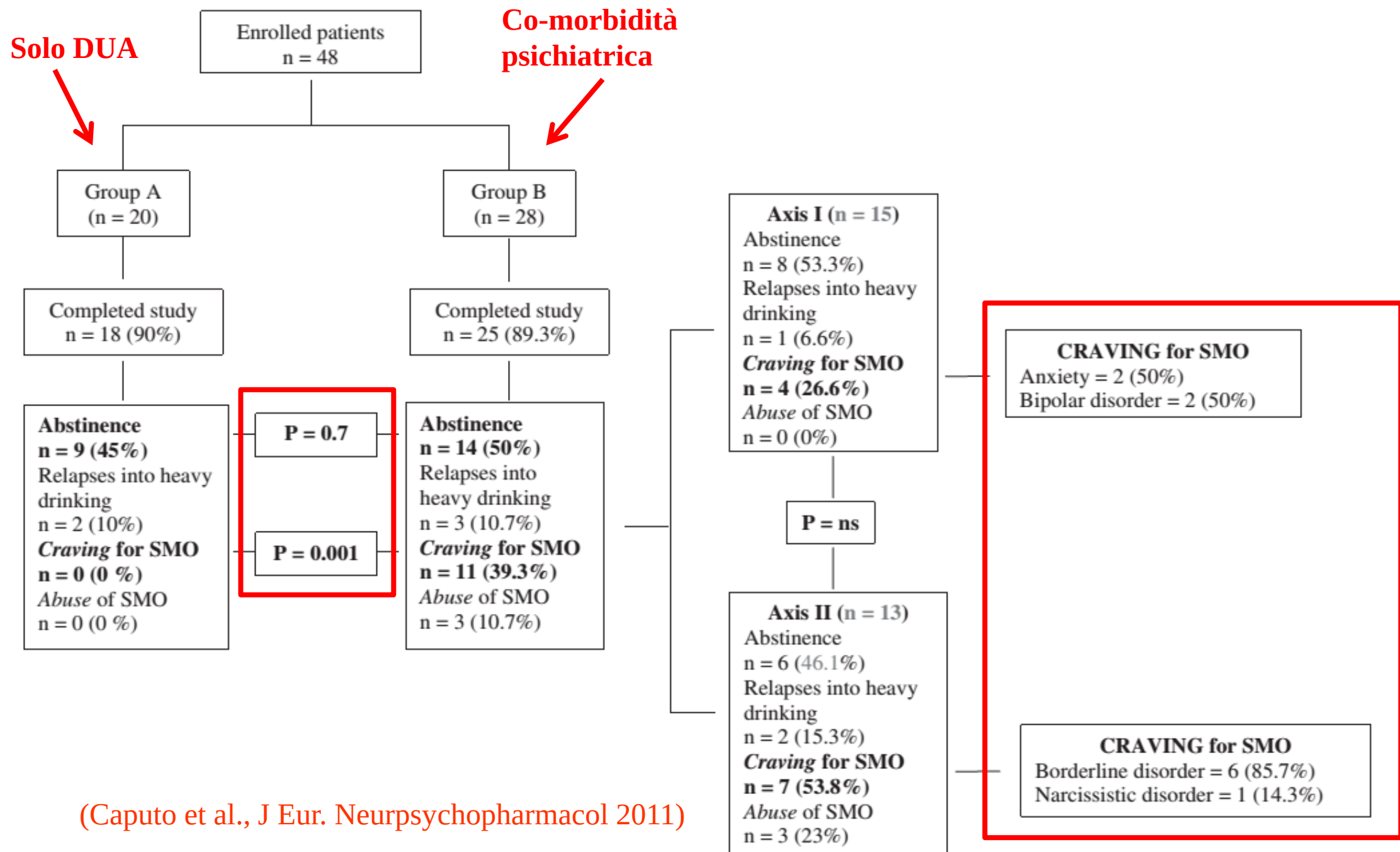
Risk	Alcover Liquid	Granules
Number of subjects	2250	397
Abuse/Misuse	36 (1.60%)	0 (0%)
Diversion	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

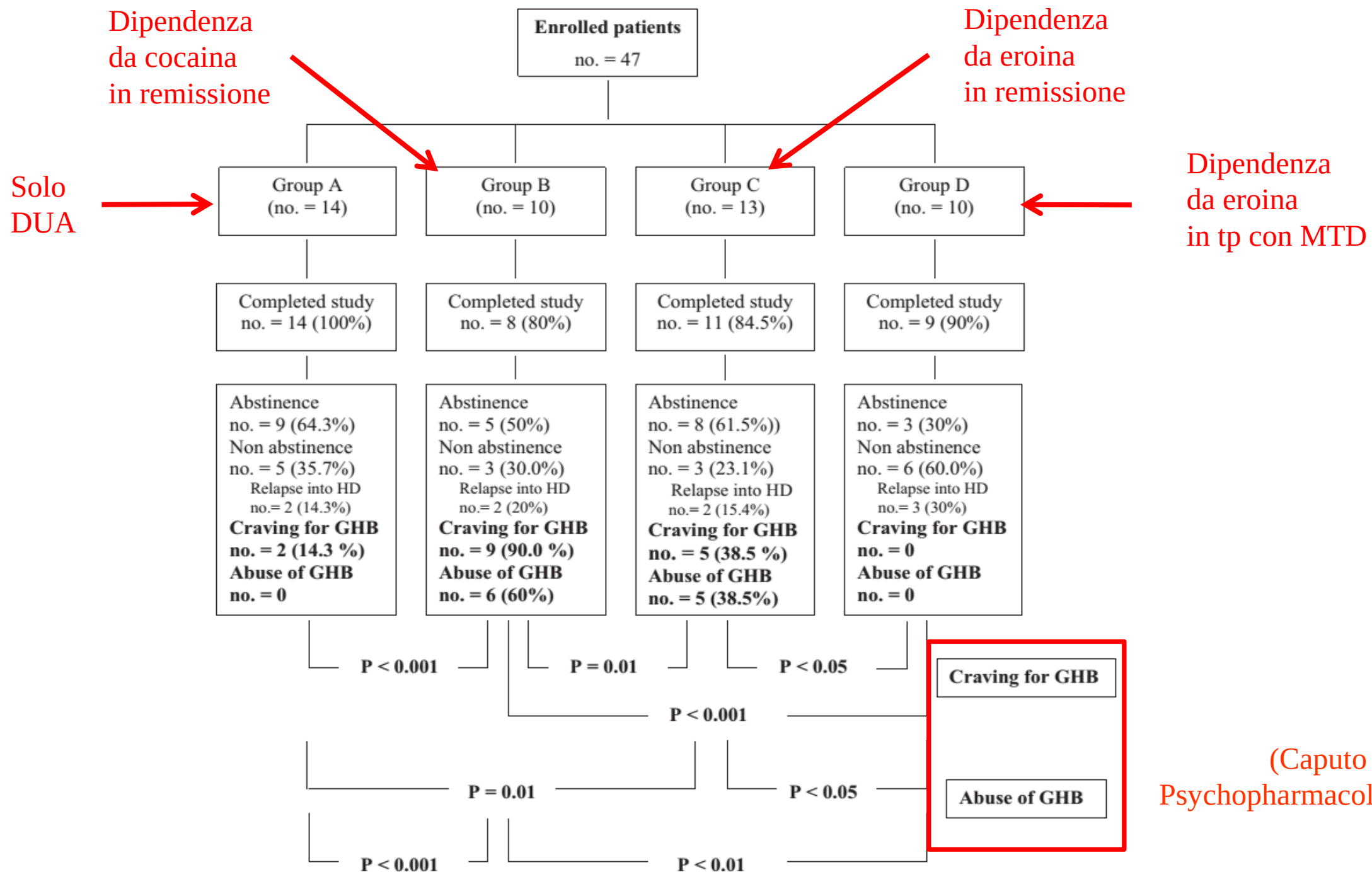
*Data from the clinical trial database (recent RCT and early clinical studies). Patients were exempt of psychiatric comorbidities or poly-addictions.

Pharmacological Treatment in γ -Hydroxybutyrate (GHB) and γ -Butyrolactone (GBL) Dependence: Detoxification and Relapse Prevention

Kamal et Al, CNS Drug 2016

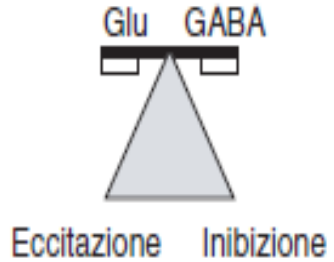
Across Europe, higher levels of GHB misuse and related problems have been reported, particularly in the Netherlands, Norway, Spain and the UK [20, 38, 41]. In Europe, it





(Caputo et al., J
Psychopharmacol, 2009)

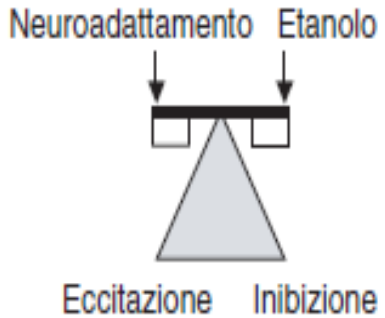
a Equilibrio



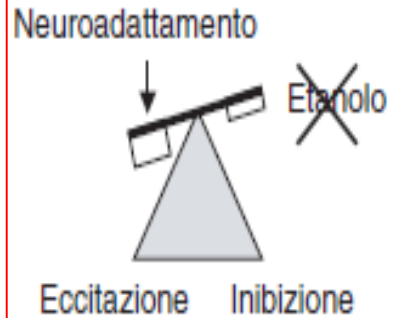
b Assunzione acuta di etanolo



c Assunzione cronica di etanolo



d Astinenza



(Himmelsbach, Ann Int Med, 1941)

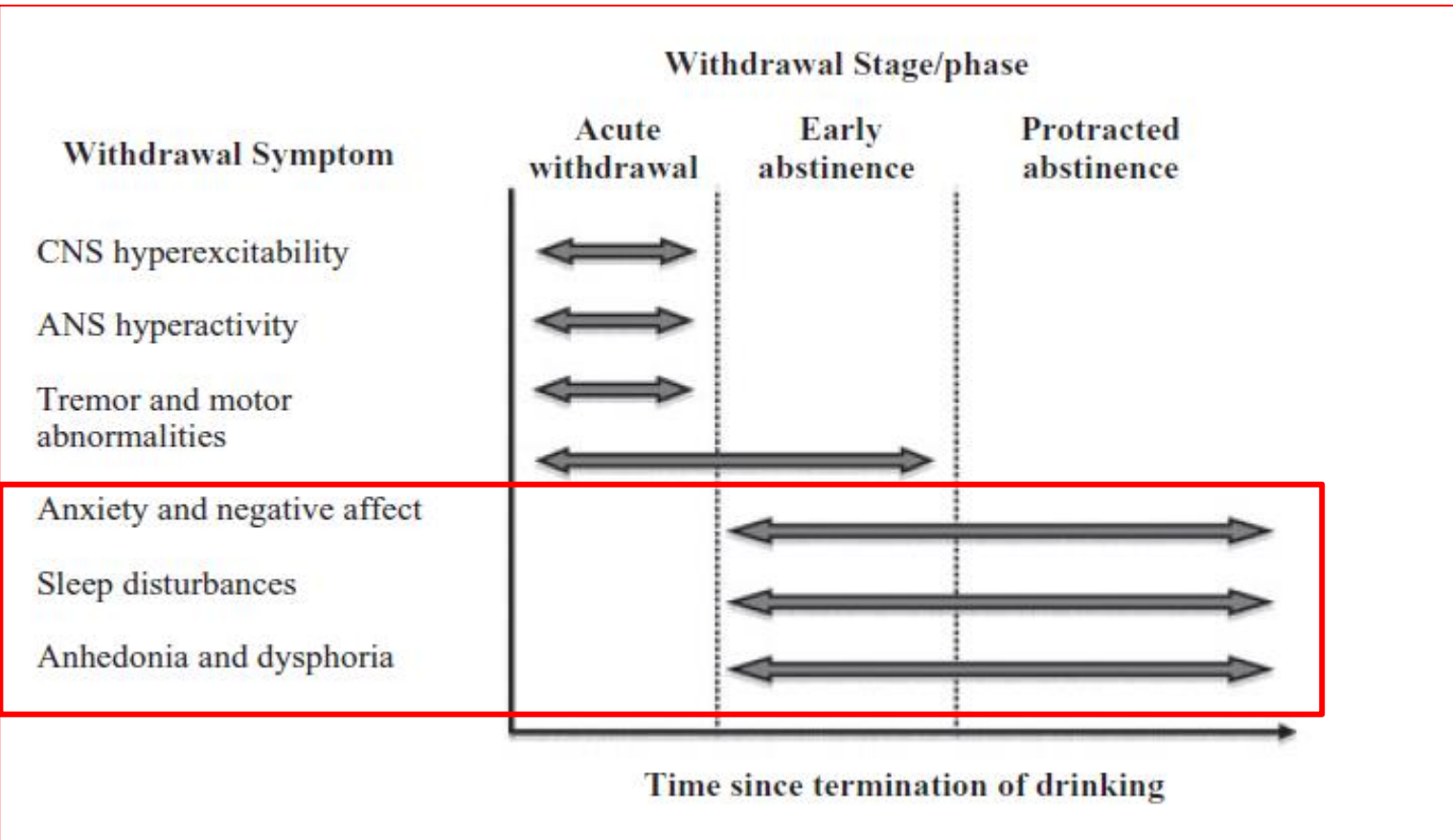
Iper tono Glutamatergico
Ipo tono GABAergico

SINDROME DI ASTINENZA DA ALCOL

Acute withdrawal phase: humans (48-72 hours);

Early abstinence phase: humans (2-3 weeks)

Protracted abstinence phase: humans (> 3 months)



(Heilig et al., Add Biol, 2010)

SINDROME DI ASTINENZA PROTRATTA

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PROTRACTED WITHDRAWAL

- Anxiety
- Sleep difficulties
- Problems with short-term memory
- Persistent fatigue
- Difficulty concentrating and making decisions
- Alcohol or drug cravings
- Impaired executive control
- Anhedonia
- Difficulty focusing on tasks
- Dysphoria or depression
- Irritability
- Unexplained physical complaints
- Reduced interest in sex

(U.S. Department of Health
and Human Service, 2010)

Sindrome da astinenza protratta da alcol: il ruolo del sodio ossibato...e non solo

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La sindrome da astinenza alcolica protratta

a cura di Alfio Lucchini*

The recognition and management of protracted alcohol withdrawal may improve and modulate the pharmacological treatment of alcohol use disorder

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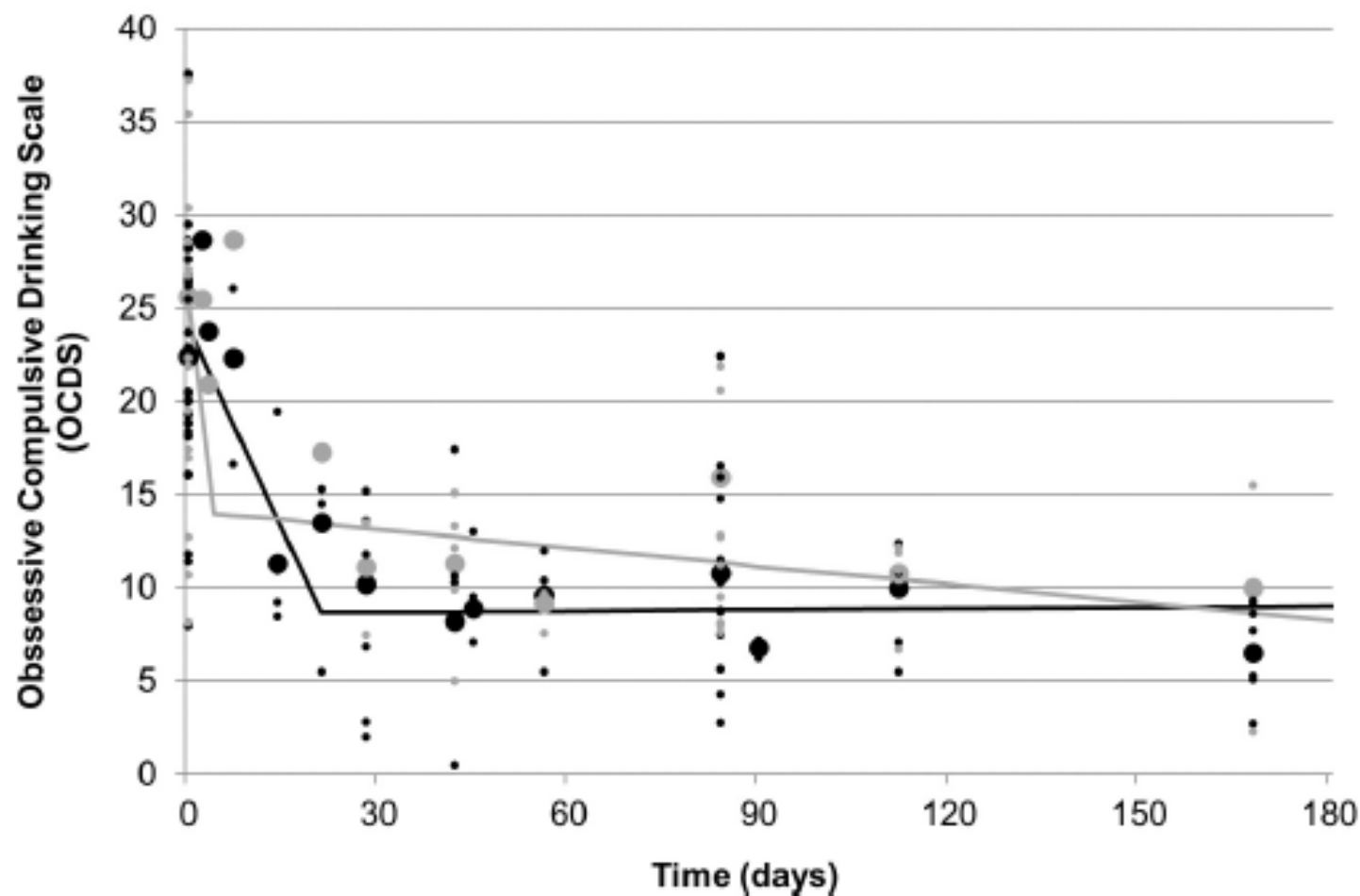
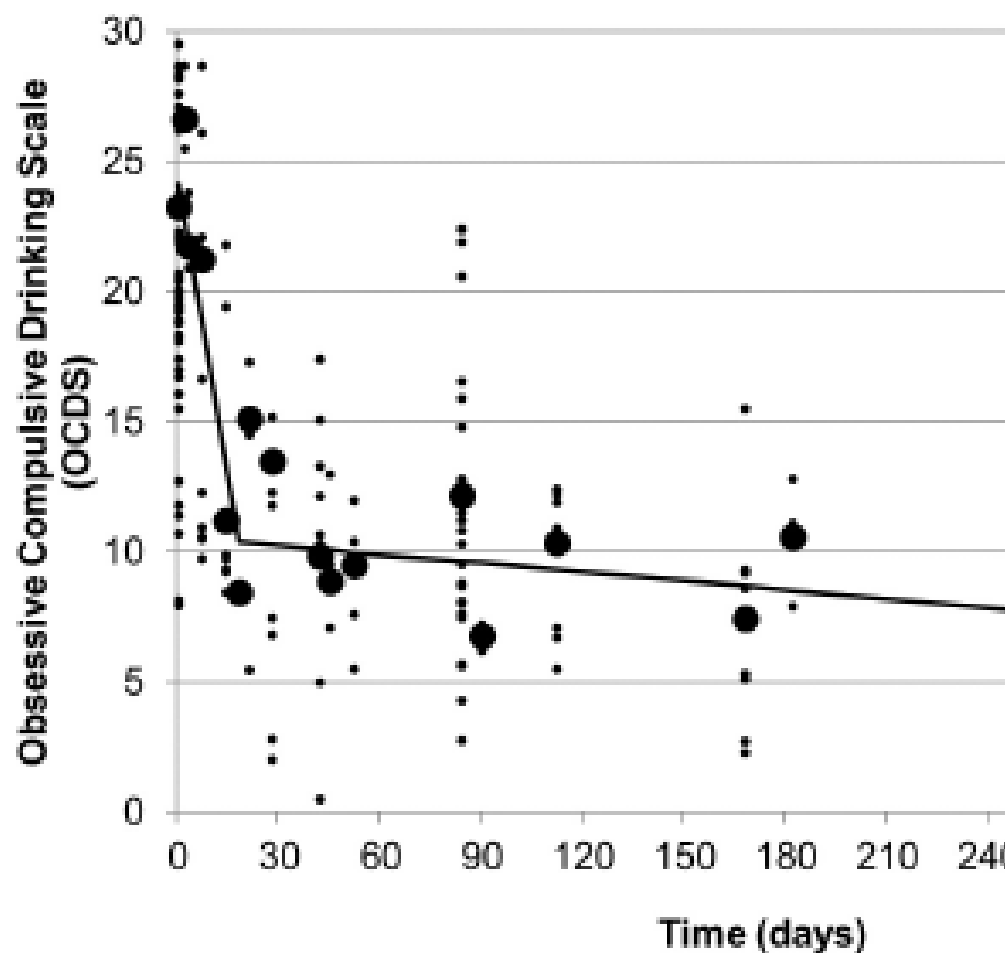


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SYSTEMATIC REVIEW ARTICLE

Symptoms of Protracted Alcohol Withdrawal in Patients with Alcohol Use Disorder: A Comprehensive Systematic Review

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Valutazione quantitativa del craving e dei disturbi del sonno nel periodo dell'astinenza protratta

Outcomes	Numb er of studie s	Time (days) of the possible knot#	Mean estimates of various scales at different time points						
			Baseline	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	1 month	2 months	3 months
Craving									
OCDS	34	18	24·2	18·8	13·5	11·4	10·3	9·9	9·7
OCDS (GABA)	21	20	24·7	19·2	13·6	8·8	9·9	8·6	8·3
OCDS (non-GABA)	14	39	22·7	18·7	15·8	12·3	8·8	4·6	6·6
OCDS (non-treated)	16	4	25·3	13·9	13·7	13·4	13·2	12·3	11·4
PACS	11	4	16·1	8·6	8·6	8·7	8·8	9·1	9·3
VAS	11	28	4·4	3·5	2·7	1·9	1·1	1·3	1·5
Sleep disorders									
ESS	3	NA	7·3	7·3	7·3	7·3	7·2	7·2	7·1

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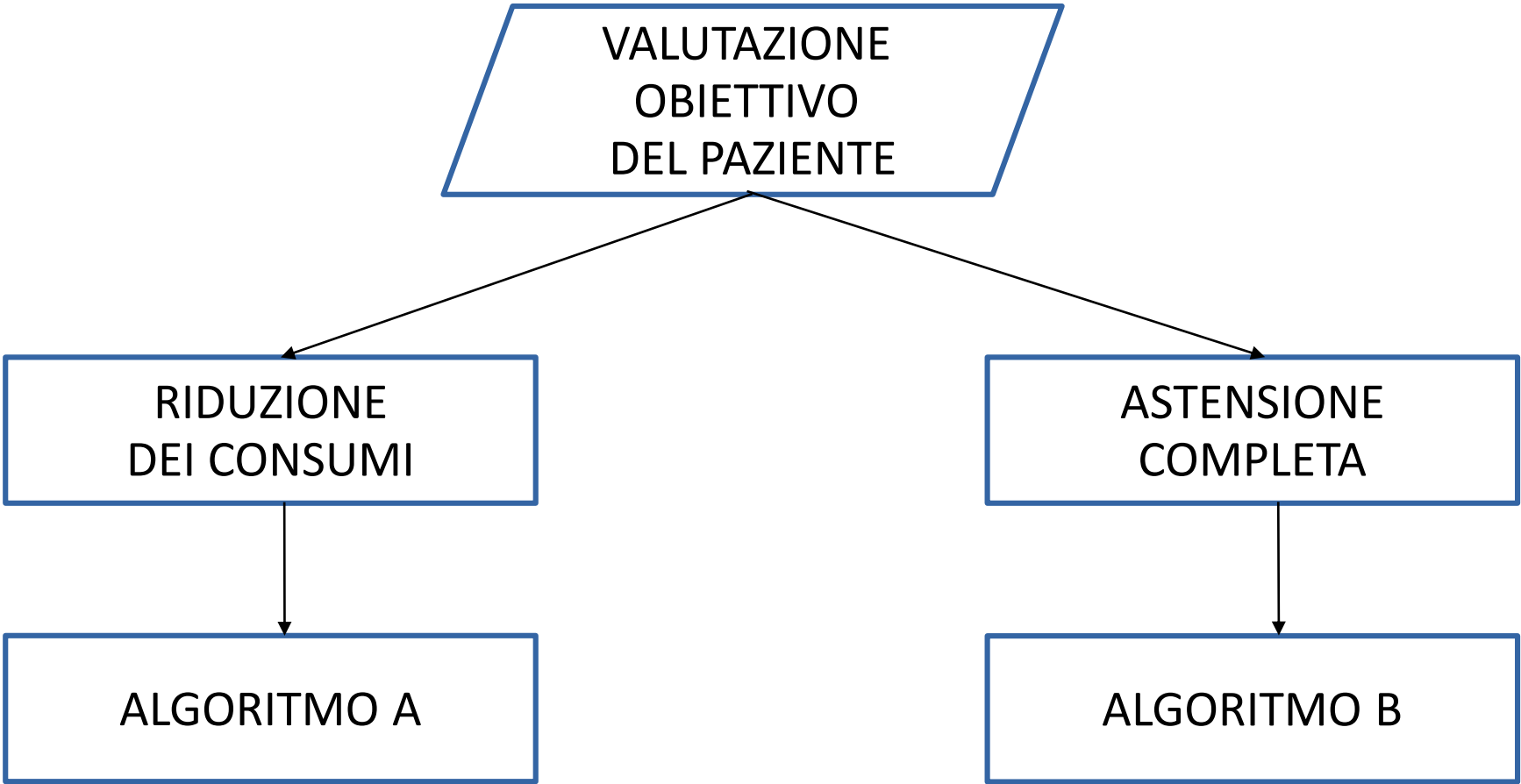
SODIO OXIBATO
BACLOFENE
GABAPENTIN
ACAMPROSATO

Stages of alcohol withdrawal syndrome (AWS)	Acute alcohol withdrawal	Early abstinence, protracted alcohol withdrawal
Medications	Bezodiazepines (or sodium oxybate§) plus (if indicated) symptomatic drugs^	NMDA antagonist* plus GABA agonist*
Period of treatment	7–10 days	To be defined*

(Caputo et al., J Psychopharmacol, 2020)

DIAGNOSI DI DISTURBO DA USO DI ALCOL
DI GRADO MODERATO O SEVERO

VALUTAZIONE
OBIETTIVO
DEL PAZIENTE



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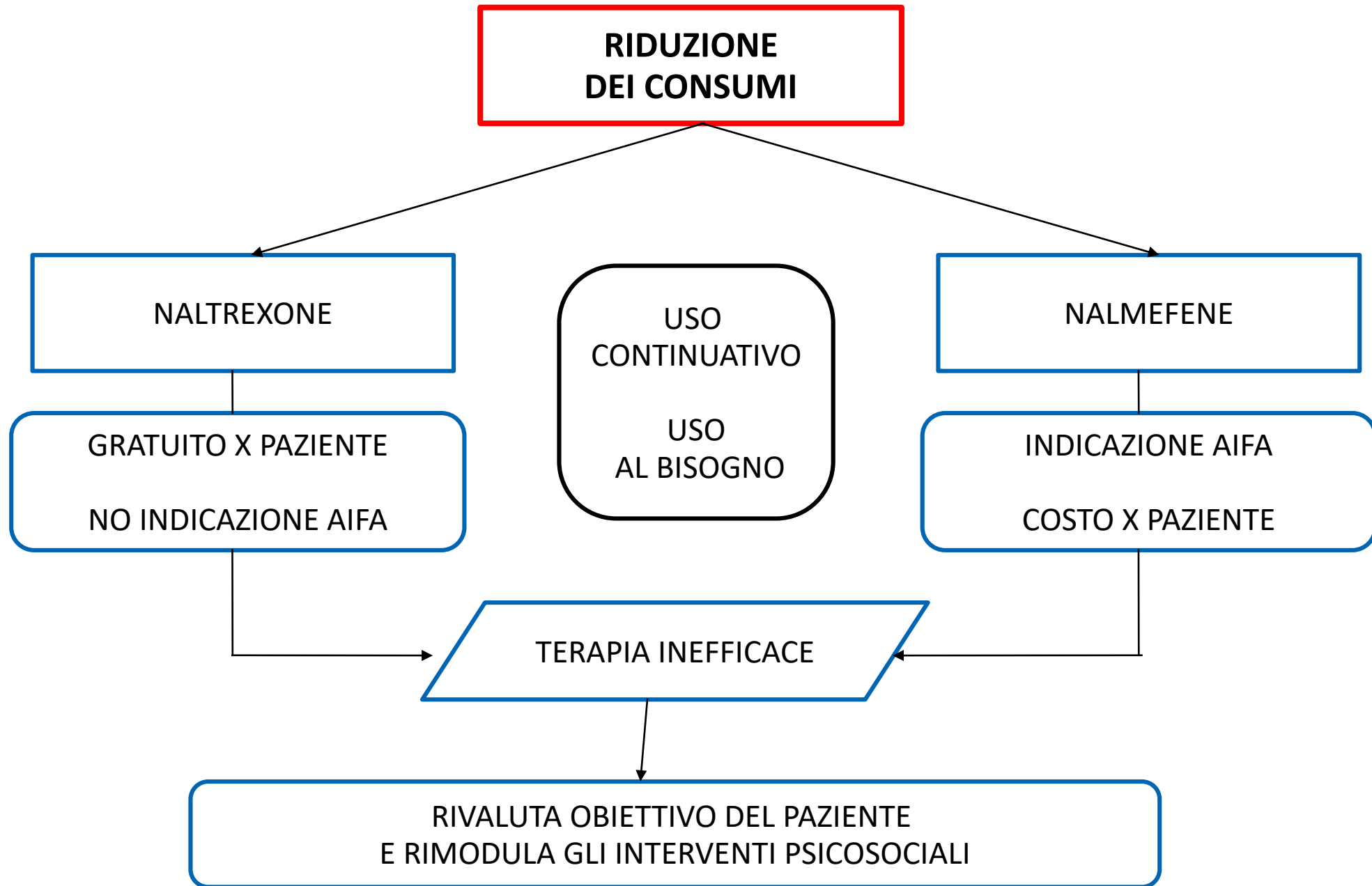
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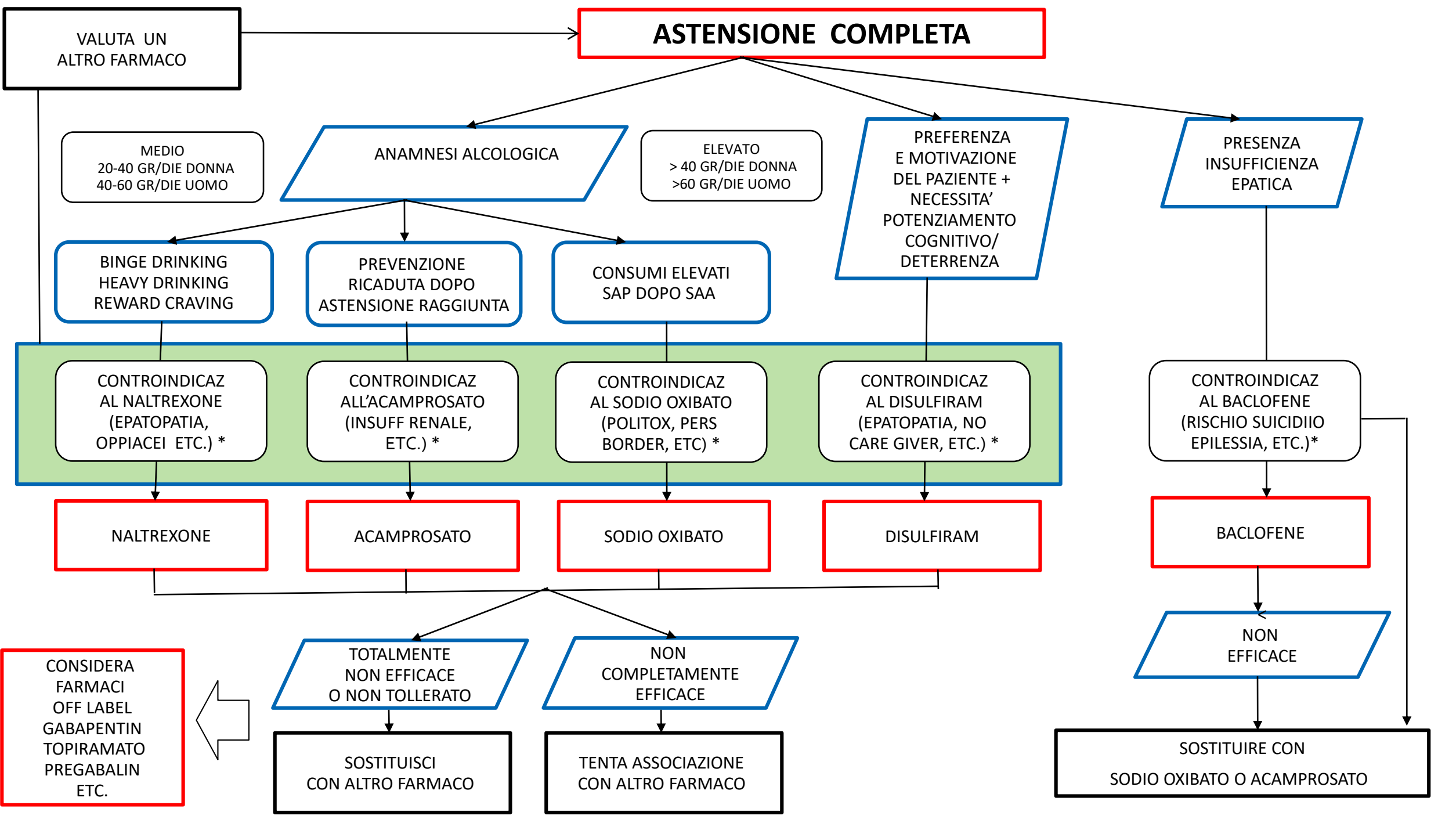
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Gamma-Hydroxybutyric Acid in the Treatment of Alcohol Dependence: A Double-Blind Study

Table 2. Effect of Gamma-Hydroxybutyric acid (GHB) on Ethanol Consumption in Alcoholics

Response	During the 3 months before treatment			During the 3 months of treatment period		
	Placebo	GHB	p	Placebo	GHB	p
Daily drinks (mean $\pm$ SEM)	11.4 $\pm$ 0.6	12.1 $\pm$ 0.5	NS	9.3 $\pm$ 0.7	4.7 $\pm$ 0.4	<0.01
% of abstinent days (mean $\pm$ SEM)	4.9 $\pm$ 0.4	5.6 $\pm$ 0.5	NS	8.4 $\pm$ 1.6	25.9 $\pm$ 3.1	<0.001

Each value is the mean $\pm$ SEM from 35 placebo and 36 GHB treated subjects. Values of alcohol intake prior to treatment were based on a single interview, while those during treatment were obtained by weekly interviews (means $\pm$ SEM). Therefore, the statistical significance of the results was calculated by comparing the values of GHB versus placebo, during the 3-month treatment period (Student's t test).

reducing relapses into heavy drinking ($p < 0.00032$)

Table 3. Effect of Gamma-Hydroxybutyric Acid on Ethanol Craving

Month of treatment	Craving score	
	Placebo	GHB
Prior to treatment	8.5 $\pm$ 0.3	8.9 $\pm$ 0.5
1st month	5.1 $\pm$ 0.6†	2.1 $\pm$ 0.1†
2nd month	7.5 $\pm$ 0.4	3.3 $\pm$ 0.4*,†
3rd month	7.6 $\pm$ 0.3	3.1 $\pm$ 0.6*,†

71 patients double blind
placebo controlled
Gallimberti
Alcohol Clin Exp Res 1992

Gamma-hydroxybutyric acid and alcohol-related syndromes

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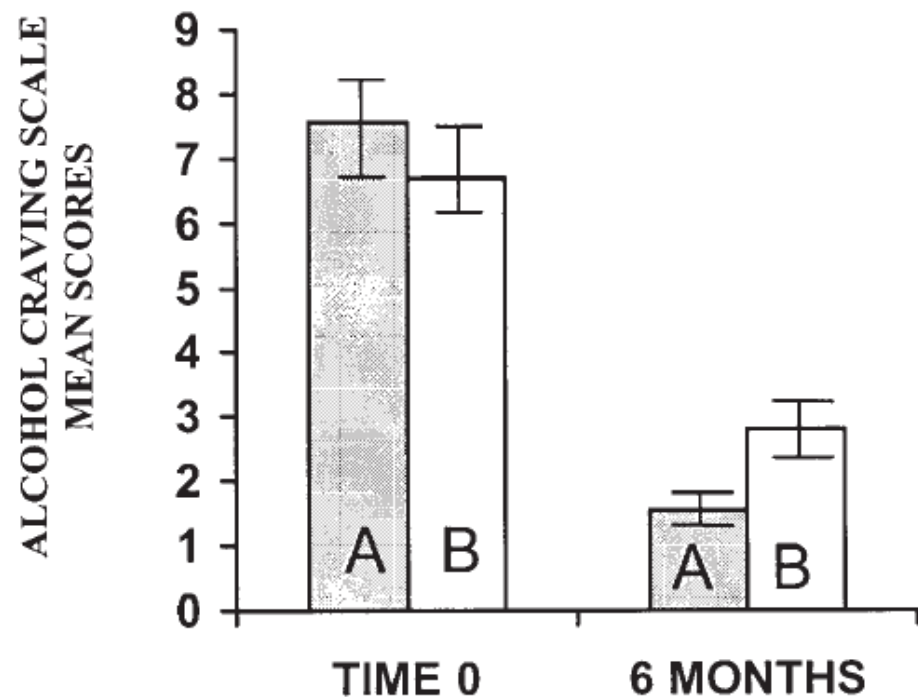


Fig. 1. Mean scores of Alcohol Craving Scale in GHB-treated and placebo-treated patients. Student's *t*-test: at time 0, A vs. B not significantly different (*n.s.*); A at time 0 vs. A at 6 months, *p*, 0.05; B at time 0 vs. B at 6 months, *n.s.*; at 6 months, A vs. B, *p*, 0.05.

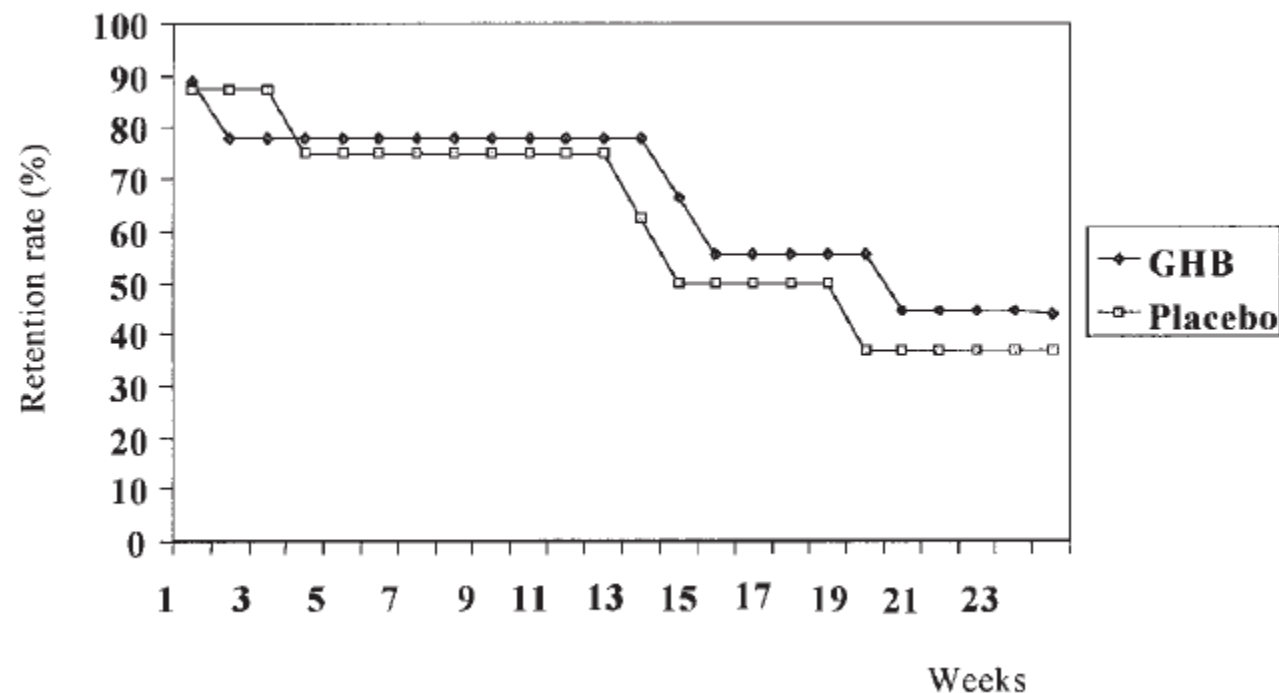


Fig. 2. Retention rate (%) in the program within GHB- and placebo-treated groups. Two-way ANOVA: GHB vs. placebo, *p*, 0.05