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**Supplementary Table 1 Study characteristics**

Author, year Paper/abstract	Country, study type and comparison	Single or multicentre Design N	Population n <sup>1</sup>	Intervention	Optimization algorithm	Comparator	Outcomes	Follow-up duration
Vande Castele N(2015), paper[1]	Belgium, RCT, Proactive vs empiric	Single-centre RCT 263(178 CD and 85 UC)	IFX maintenance therapy in adult, moderate to severe UC, IFX responders	Proactive TDM, ELISA before each injection	3-7 g/mL: No change; > 7 g/mL: 1) at a dose of up to 5mg / kg, and 2) at an interval of 2 weeks (maximum q12 weeks); <3 g/mL: 1) at 2 weeks apart (minimum q4 weeks), and 2) at a dose up to 10mg / kg	Empiric IFX optimization based on symptoms and CRP	Prim: Clinical (HBI 4 or PMS 2 no score > 1) and biochemical (CRP 5 mg/L) remission for 1 year	1 year 53 months in follow-up study

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Sánchez-Hernández JG(2020),paper[2]	Spain, Observational, Proactive vs empiric	Single-center prospective cohort study 81 Retrospective control group 72 N=148 (84 CD, 64 UC, 12 children)	Patients with moderate or severe UC	Proactive TDM, week 14 determined the first TSIC (trough concentration) of ELISA	Treatment at week 12 and at week 14 was 5-10 gmL 1, Maintenance period of 3-10 gmL 1. Concentrations greater than 10 gmL 1 were used in patients with CD and perianal ostomy. A total of 23 ATIs were tested in patients with TSIC <1 gmL 1	Receive the empirical administration of drug therapy	Dose adjustment according to standard of care showed that 48.1% of the patients had subtherapeutic tsic and 13.5% had ATIs. Early active TDM: Mep-TDM was	3years

performed in 81 patients who were started with infliximab, and a total of 201 tsic was measured over 3 years.

Bernard o S(2017), abstract[ 3]	Portuga l, Obser vationa l, Proacti ve vs empiric	Single-ce nter retrospect ive cohort study N=218 ( 34UC)	IBD patients receiving IFX (N=210) or ADA (N=8),It is mainly for	Proactive TDM (ELISA), approximate ly every 6 months	The IFX in the UC is 5-10 g/ mL; The ADA in the UC is 7-9 g/ mL	Experience anti-TNF optimization	Prim: clinical remission (no hospitalizatio n, surgery or treatment failure / switching) Sec: FC < 50 μ	48weeks
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Fernand es SR(2020) ,paper[4 ]	Portuga l, Obser vationa l, Proacti ve vs empiric	A single-cen ter, prospecti ve cohort study Retrospec tive cohort of the control group N=20,153	The subject was confirmed as having a UC. A total of 13 patients successfull y completed IFX induction	Chitch levels and anti-drug antibodies were measured using ELISA	According to the prespecified Valley level interval (uc5-10 $\mu$ g / ml), the drug level accounted for 49.0% of the measurement of UC patients (disease P < 0.001). The IFX Valley level was between 3-7ug/ml (CD) and 5-10ug/ml (UC); For patients with trough levels below the	Experience IFX Optimizatio n	Treatment escalation was more common in PTDM patients, with less surgery rate (8.9% vs 20.8%; P = 0.032) and higher mucosal healing rate	2years

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Capoula s M(2020), paper[7]	Portuga l, Obser vationa l, Proacti ve vs empiric	Single-ce nter, retrospect ive, observati onal study N40,CD3 6,UC4	adalimum ab Maintenan ce therapy in adult patients with IBD	Proactive TDM	Empirical dose increase	25.1wee ks
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Papamic hael K(2017), paper[8]	USA, Observ ational, Proacti ve vs reactive	Multicent er retrospect ive cohort study N=264(16 7CD,90U C,7IBD-U )	Adult IBD, the primary IFX responder	Active TDM (+ / -Reactivity), ELISA and HMSA	objective TC5-10µg/mL	reactiveness TDM,Under LOR or infusion reactions	prim: Treatment failure (IFX withdrawal due to LOR or serious adverse event, or surgery) sec: surgery, hospitalizatio n, severe infusion reaction, ADAb	Median value of 2.4 years (IQR1. 5-3.3)
Guidi L(2018),	Italy, Observ	Multi-cen ter	In IBD patients,	Reactive TDM	The algorithm was modified from Steanholt	Experience IFX	Prim: Clinical response	12 weeks

paper[9]	ational, Proactive vs empiric	prospecti ve cohort study, retrospective control group N=148 (84 CD, 64 UC)	IFX was maintained for 4 months with per-second LOR	(ELISA), as described in the LOR	2014, However, using the TC cutoff was 3 g/mL	Optimizatio n	(PMS 2, Rectal bleeding 30% + score 1, HBI 3, plus CRP or FC), Apply TDM to save savings Se: Number of dose increases	
Kelly OB(2017),paper[10]	Canada ,Observ ational, Proactive vs	Single-ce nter retrospective cohort study of	Adult IBD patients who receive IFX maintenanc	Reactive TDM, at LOR, HMSA	The interval was reduced by 2 weeks or the dose was increased by 2.5mg / kg	Experience IFX Optimizatio n	Prim: endoscopic remission (MCES ≤1, SES-CD <3 or	Endosco py and clinical activity were

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Bossuyt P(2022), paper[11 ]	Belgium, RCT Pro	Double-centre RCT 187(115 POCT and 72 reactive TDM)	All patients were clinically assessed at each visit and standard laboratory tests (haematol	POCT and reactive TDM, ELISA before each injection	TL measurement of infliximab at inclusion. The value of this measurement determined the follow-up pathway. If the TL was between 3–7 µg/mL, the patient continued infliximab at same dose and interval. If the TL was above 7	All patients were clinically assessed at each visit and standard laboratory tests (haematolog y, ionogram,	primary endpoint of the study was the percentage of patients with infliximab failure after 1 year , defined as: infliximab discontinuati	1 year
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ogy, ionogram, liver test, renal function, C-reactive protein [CRP], albumin) were performed approximately every 12-16 weeks according to  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , an interval prolongation was allowed but was not compulsory [maximum interval q12 weeks]. If the TL was below 3  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , the interval was shortened by 2 weeks to a minimum interval of q4 weeks, and subsequent TL measurement was based on a POCT. If this POCT before the administration of infliximab showed an infliximab TL  $<3 \mu\text{g/mL}$ , liver test, renal function, C-reactive protein [CRP], albumin) were performed approximately every 12-16 weeks according to on, IBD-related surgery, IBD-related hospitalisation, add-on IBD treatment, and allergic reaction to infliximab.



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D'Haens GR(2022 ,paper[ 12]	19 Countri es; RCT Pro; HIR vs. SIR	multi-cen ter RCT; 514(308 HIR and 206 SIR)	eligible patients were randomize d (3:2, stratified by baseline high-sensit ivity C-reactive protein [hs-CRP levels <10 mg/L	Proactive TDM	For HIR, patients received adalimumab 160 mg at baseline, and at week 1, week 2, and week 3. For SIR, patients received adalimumab 160 mg at baseline, placebo (adalimumab vehicle) at week 1, adalimumab 80 mg at week 2, and placebo at week 3. Starting at week 4, patients in both groups received	Eligible patients were randomized (3:2, stratified by baseline high-sensitiv ity C-reactive protein [hs-CRP levels <10 mg/L or ?10	The coprimary end points were the proportions of patients who achieved clinical remission (CDAI score <150) at week 4 and endoscopic response	3years

<p>or <math>\geq 10</math> mg/L], prior infliximab use, and CD activity [CDAI score <math>\geq 300</math> or <math>&gt;300</math>])</p>	<p>adalimumab 40 mg eow through week 12. Concomitant medication use remained stable, except for corticosteroids, for which patients were required to taper their dose starting at week 4 per the protocol-defined taper schedule</p>	<p>mg/L], prior infliximab use, and CD activity [CDAI score <math>\geq 300</math> or <math>&gt;300</math>]) to receive adalimumab</p>	<p>(&gt;50% decrease from baseline in SES-CD [or a <math>\geq 2</math>-point reduction in patients with a baseline SES-CD of 4]) at week 12. All endoscopic assessments were confirmed by a central reader.</p>
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Panés J(2022),paper[13]	20 Countries, RCT	Multi-centre RCT 952(573 HIR vs. 379 SIR)	Eligible patients (18-75 years, full Mayo score 6-12, centrally read endoscopy subscore 2-3)	Proactive TDM	Higher induction regimen (adalimumab 160 mg at weeks 0, 1, 2, and 3) or standard induction regimen (160 mg at week 0 and 80 mg at week 2); all received 40 mg at weeks 4 and 6. At week 8, all patients were rerandomized 2:2:1 (main study) to 40 mg every week (ew), 40 mg every other week (eow), or exploratory therapeutic drug monitoring; or 1:1	Adalimumab 40 mg ew maintenance regimen, adalimumab 40 mg eow maintenance regimen, or a TDM	Changes from baseline in IBDQ total score16 were assessed at weeks 2, 4, and 8 (induction study) and weeks 12, 24, 37, and 52 (maintenance study). Changes from baseline in Work Productivity	48weeks
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(Japan substudy) to 40 mg eow or 40 mg eow maintenance regimens.

and Impairment Questionnaire<sup>17</sup> and 36-Item Short Form Health Survey<sup>18,19</sup> scores were assessed at week 8 (induction study) and week 52 (maintenance study).

<sup>1</sup>IBD denotes a mixed CD and UC population unless otherwise specified.

Prim-primary; Sec-secondary; ADAb-anti-drug antibodies; CDAI-Crohn's disease activity index; CDEIS-Crohn's disease endoscopic index of severity; CRP- C-reactive protein; ECLIA-electrochemoluminescence assay; ELISA-enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay; FC-fecal calprotectin; HBI-Harvey-Bradshaw Index; HMSA-homogeneous shift assay; IBD-inflammatory bowel disease; IBDQ-IBD questionnaire; IFX-infliximab; LOR-loss of response; MCES-Mayo Clinic endoscopic subscore; MH-mucosal healing; MTX-methotrexate; PDAI-perianal disease activity index; PMS-partial Mayo score; QALY-quality adjusted life year; SES-CD-simple endoscopic score for Crohn disease; TC-trough concentration.

Supplementary Table 2 Summary of NOS score

Publication (yr)	Representativeness of the exposed cohort	Selection of non-exposed cohorts	Exposure determination	None of the subjects had developed the disease under study at the start of the study	Comparability of exposed and non-exposed cohorts (design and analysis phase)	Result determination method	Is the follow-up period long enough for the disease under study?	Completeness of follow-up	Overall rating and TOTAL SCORE/10
Sánchez-Hernández JG(2020),paper [2]	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	7
Bernardo S(2017),abstra	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	6

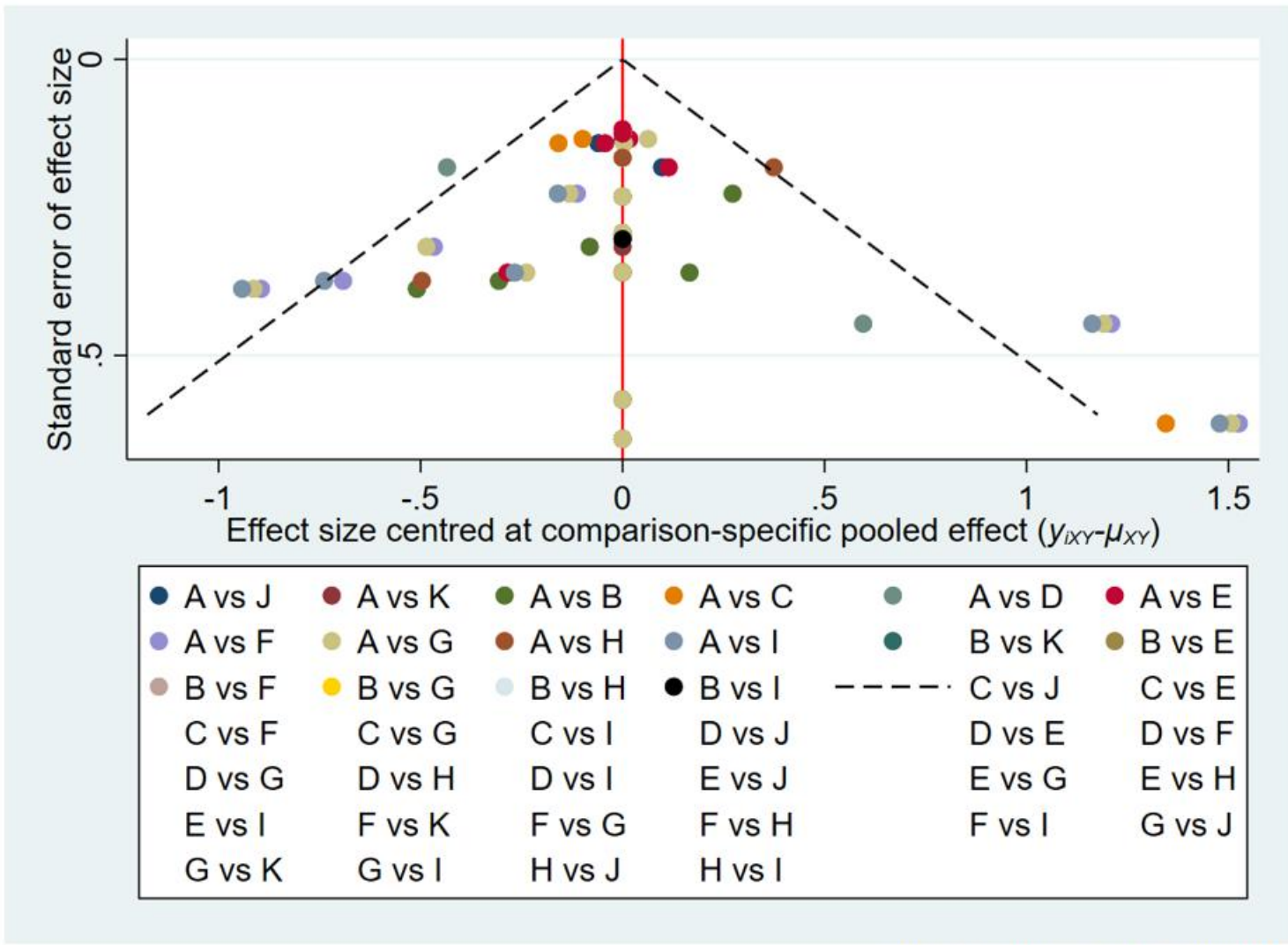




	Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)	Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Other bias
Bossuyt P 2022	+	?	+	+	?	+	+
D'Haens GR 2022	+	+	+	+	?	?	+
Pané s J 2022	+	+	?	+	+	+	?
V ande Castele N 2015	+	?	+	?	+	?	+

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**Supplementary Figure 1 Summary of risk of bias.**



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Supplementary Figure 2 Network funnel plot of of proactive therapeutic drug monitoring versus conventional management efficacy in clinical remission outcome.