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# **Management of respiratory tract infections – myths, facts and solutions**

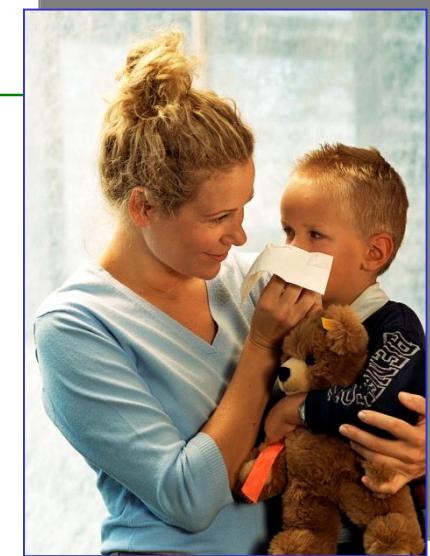
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## RTI's in children

- 97%: viral infection
- Most common cause for visiting the physician
  - respiratory tract infections in children are more severe due to anatomic and physiologic factors (smaller diameter of bronchial tubes, mucosa swells faster and stronger, very viscous mucus)
  - children suffer up to 12 infections per year due to their immature immune system (maturation with 10 years)



## 3 common treatment options



# Treatment options (I): Watchful waiting

Number of patients who continue coughing without treatment



60 % day 19\*

Every third inadequately treated case of acute bronchitis develops into chronic bronchitis\*\*

## Acute complications

e.g. pneumonia/otitis media in

- Small children
- Older people
- Patients with immunodeficiencies

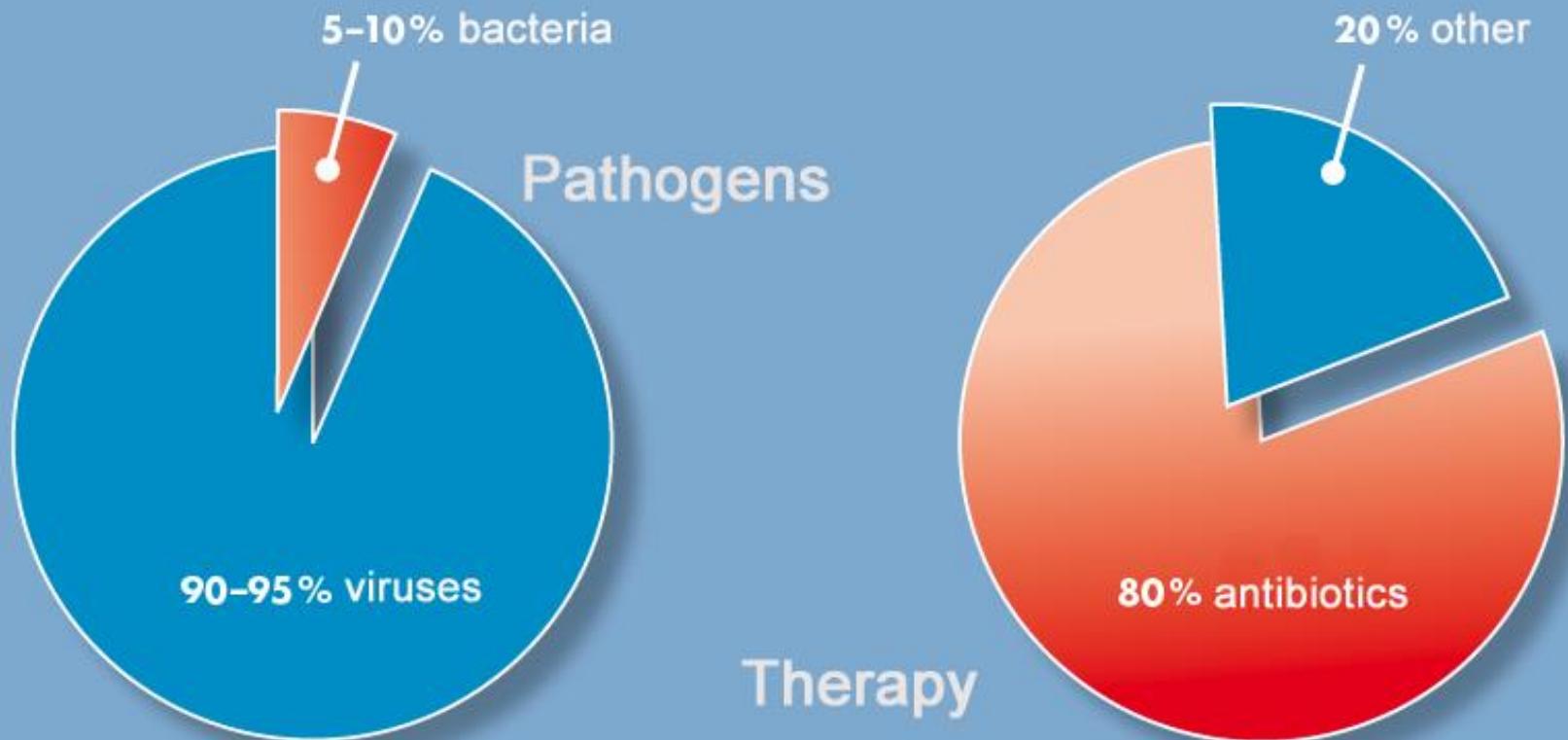
## Risk of chronification

- Asthma or chronic bronchitis

\*Holmes WF et al.: British Journal of General Practice, 2001, 51, 177-181

\*\*Jonson JS et al.: BMJ 1998; 317: 1433

## Treatment options (II): Antibiotics



Grossman RF, Chest 1998; 113 (3): 205–210.

Antibiotics frequently used – rarely useful

# Efficacy of antibiotics in acute bronchitis

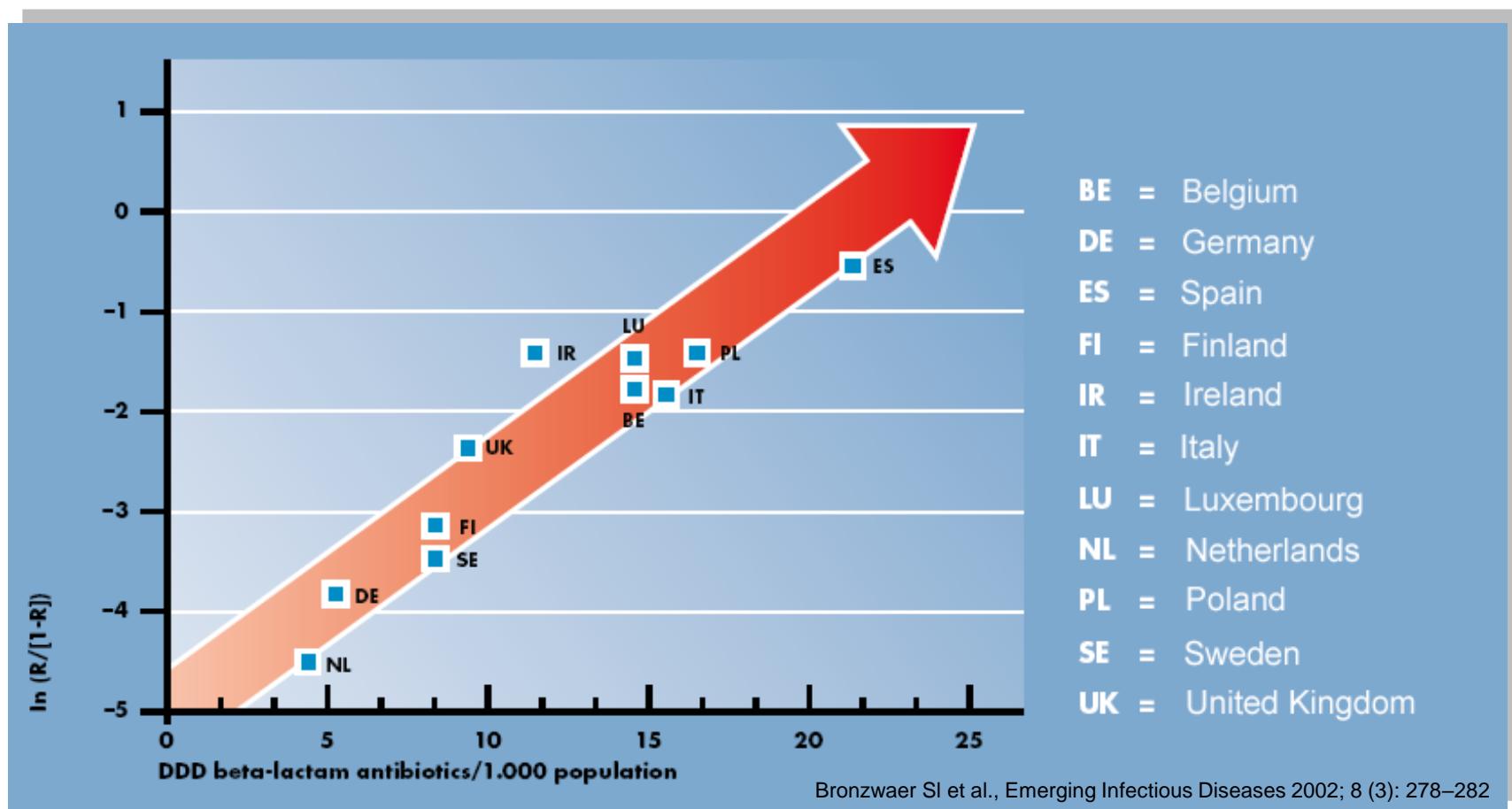
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## Cochrane Review

- There is no benefit in using antibiotics for acute bronchitis in otherwise healthy individuals
- Use of antibiotics needs to be considered in the context of the potential side effects...increased resistance to respiratory pathogens and cost of antibiotic treatment

Smith S. et al.: Antibiotics for acute bronchitis. The Cochrane Collaboration 2014, Issue 3

# Antibiotic Resistance – a Global Challenge



... frequent use of antibiotics = increasing resistance!

## Treatment options (III): Antiviral Medication

Viral resistance more often than expected

The extent of resistance development due to therapy exceeds current expectations significantly<sup>2</sup>

Occurrence of resistances against neuraminidase inhibitors:

- Amantadine and rimantadine up to 30 %<sup>3</sup>
- Oseltamivir up to 4 % of adults<sup>4</sup>
- Oseltamivir up to 18 % of children<sup>1</sup>

1: Moscona A, N Engl J Med 2005; 353: 25; 2: Kiso M et al., Lancet 2004; 364: 759–765; 3: Harper SA, MMWR Recomm Rep 2005; 54 (1)

4: Gubareva IV et al., J Infect Dis 2001; 183 (5): 23

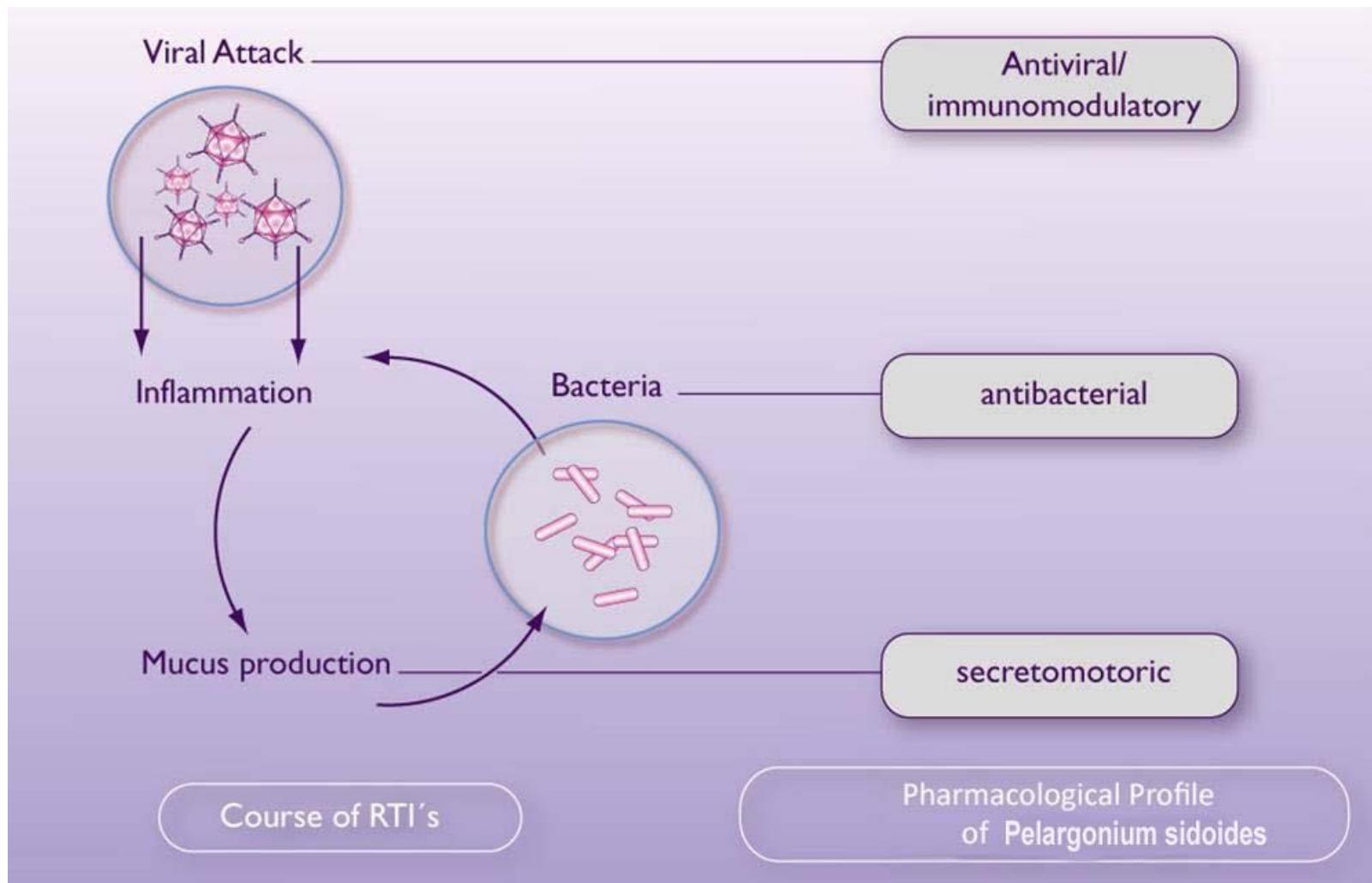
# Pelargonium sidoides extract EPs® 7630 - Umca®



is a standardized and registered phytopharmaceutical with proven efficacy and safety in the treatment of RTI's in children and adults



# Mode of Action in RTI's



## Mode of action (I)

against viruses ✓

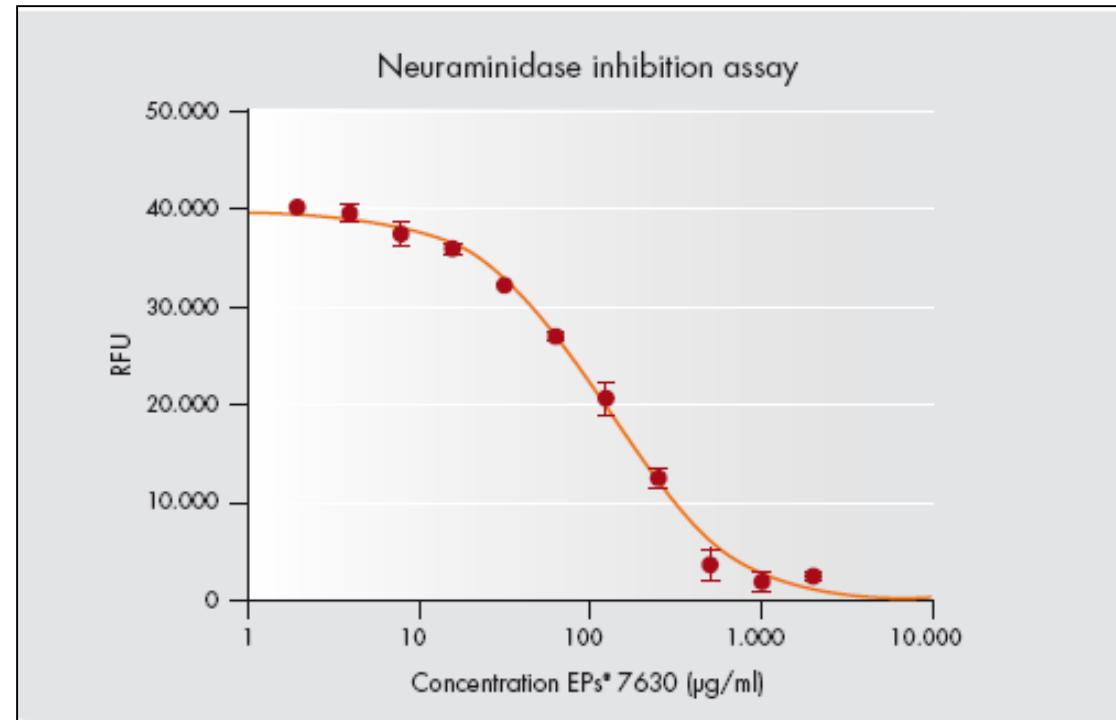
- Increases the interferon production<sup>1</sup>
  - direct antiviral effect
  - protects cells against virus-mediated destruction
  - Activation of NK-cells

1:Kolodziej H et al.: Phytomedicine 2007; 14 (Suppl. VI): 18-26

# Inhibition of Neuraminidase

## Neuraminidase inhibition assay (H1N1)

RFU = rel. fluorescent units



Theisen et Muller, Antiviral Research 2012; 94: 147 - 156

# Antiviral effects of EPs® 7630

Influence of EPs® 7630 on a cytopathic effect (CPE) caused by respiratory viruses (microscopic examination) and on cell viability

Virus	IC <sub>50</sub> (µg/ml)*	CC <sub>50</sub> (µg/ml)**	TI***
Influenza			
<b>H1N1</b>	9.45 ± 2.94	>100	>10.6
<b>H3N2</b>	8.66 ± 1.06	>100	>11.5
H5N1 (avian)	>100	>100	n.d.
<b>RSV</b>	19.65 ± 1.77	>100	>5.1
Adenovirus 3 and 7	>100	>100	n.d.
<b>Parainfluenza 3</b>	74.35 ± 17.89	>100	>1.3
<b>Coxsackie A9</b>	14.80 ± 3.39	>100	>6.8
Rhinovirus	>100	>100	n.d.
<b>Coronavirus 229E</b> (HCo-229E)	44.50 ± 15.84	>100	>2.3

\* Concentration that inhibits CPE formation by 50%

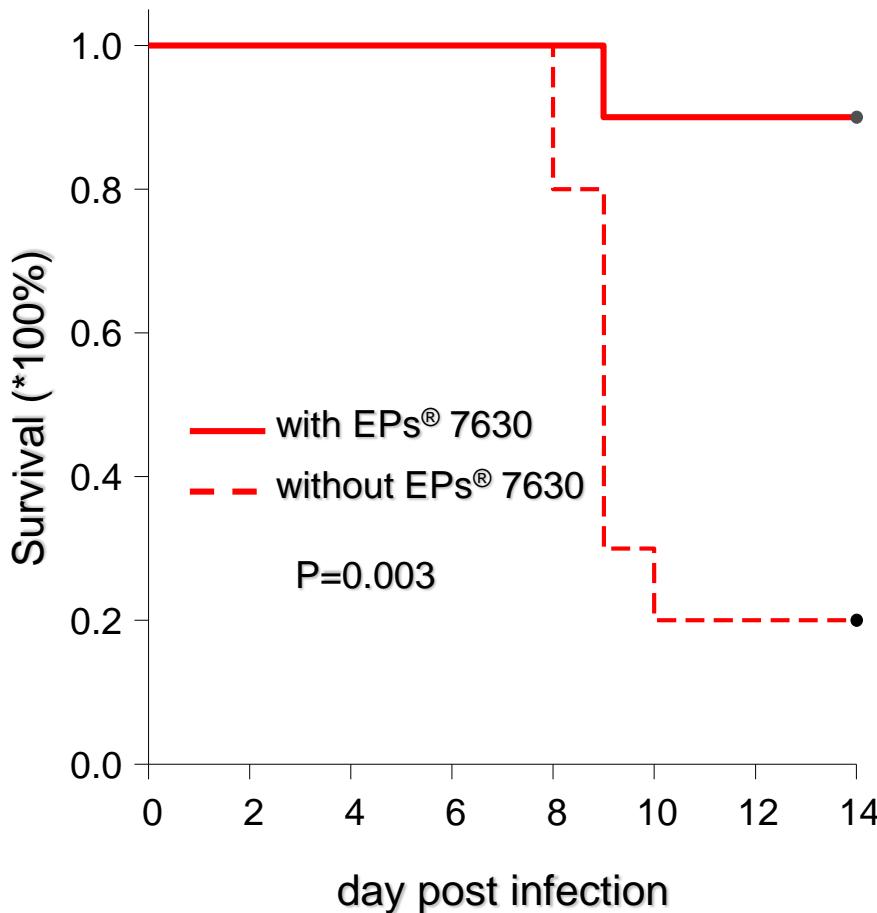
\*\* Concentration that decreases cell viability by 50%

\*\*\* Therapeutic index = CC<sub>50</sub>/IC<sub>50</sub>

Michaelis M. et al., Phytomedicine 18 (2011): 384-386

# Anti-influenza activity of EPs® 7630 in mice

## Survival Analysis, 1MLD<sub>50</sub>



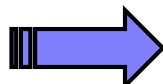
10 female Balb/c mice,  
infected with 1 LD<sub>50</sub>  
influenzavirus A/Puerto Rico/8/34,  
treatment with EPs® 7630,  
three times/day for 10 days

Theisen et Muller, Antiviral Research 2012; 94: 147 - 156

# Antiviral effects of EPs® 7630

## EPs® 7630

- inhibits an early step in the virus life cycle
- interferes with viral surface proteins and impaires viral hemagglutination and neuraminidase activity
- protects mice from lethal viral infection



**EPs® 7630 promises to be beneficial if used as a treatment for virus infections**

Theisen et Muller, Antiviral Research 2012; 94: 147 - 156

## Mode of action (II)

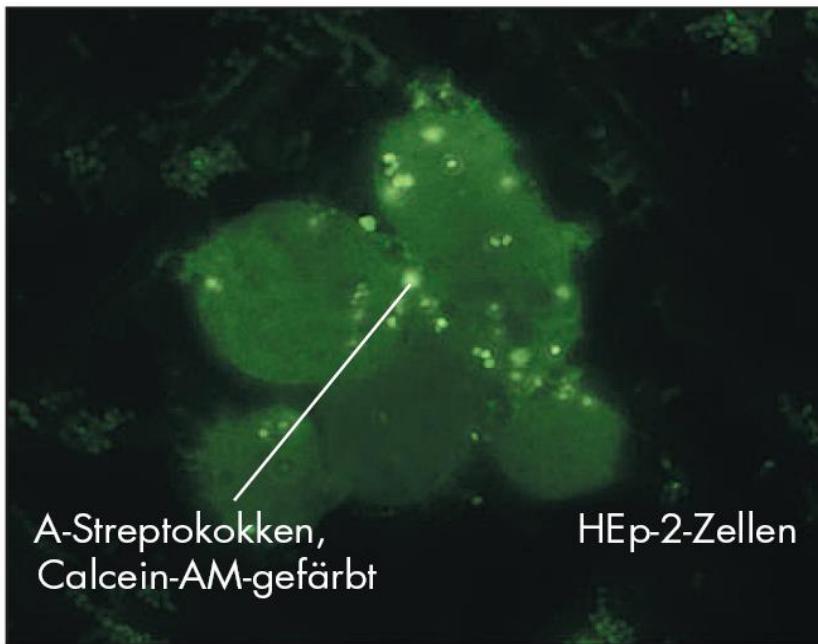
against bacteria ✓

- direct bacteriostatic effect (is inferior to that of antibiotics)<sup>1</sup>
- inhibits the adhesion of bacteria to healthy mucosal cells<sup>2</sup>
- inhibits the internalisation of bacteria in mucosal cells<sup>2</sup> (i.e. fewer recurrences)
- increases the adhesion of bacteria to dead epithelial cells<sup>3</sup>
- increases phagocytosis, oxidative burst and intracellular killing of bacteria<sup>4</sup>

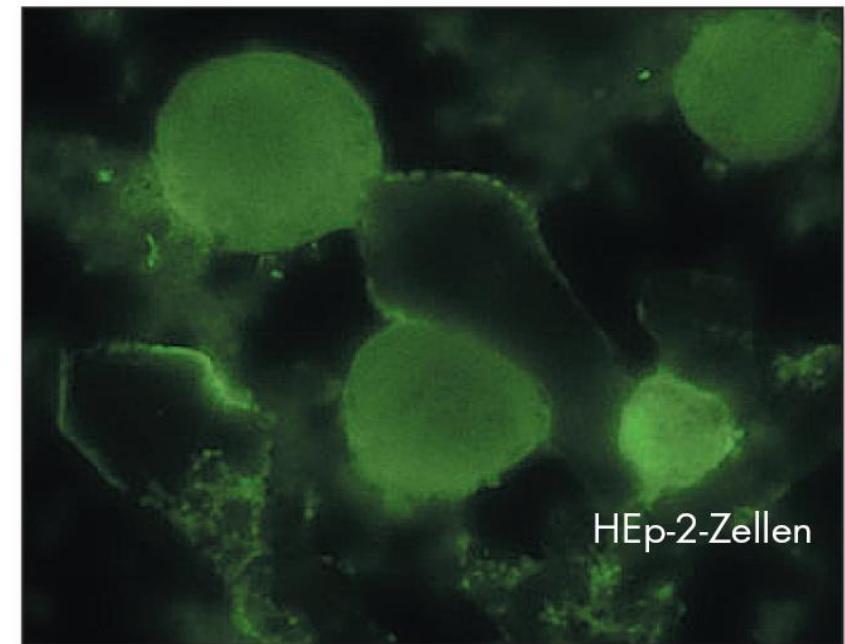
1: Kayser 1997; 2: Conrad A et al.: Phytomedicine 2007; 14 (Suppl. VI): 52-59; 3: Frank 2003;  
4: Conrad A et al.: Phytomedicine 2007; 14 (Suppl. VI): 46-51

# Inhibition of bacterial adhesion

Control: *Fluorescence microscopy*



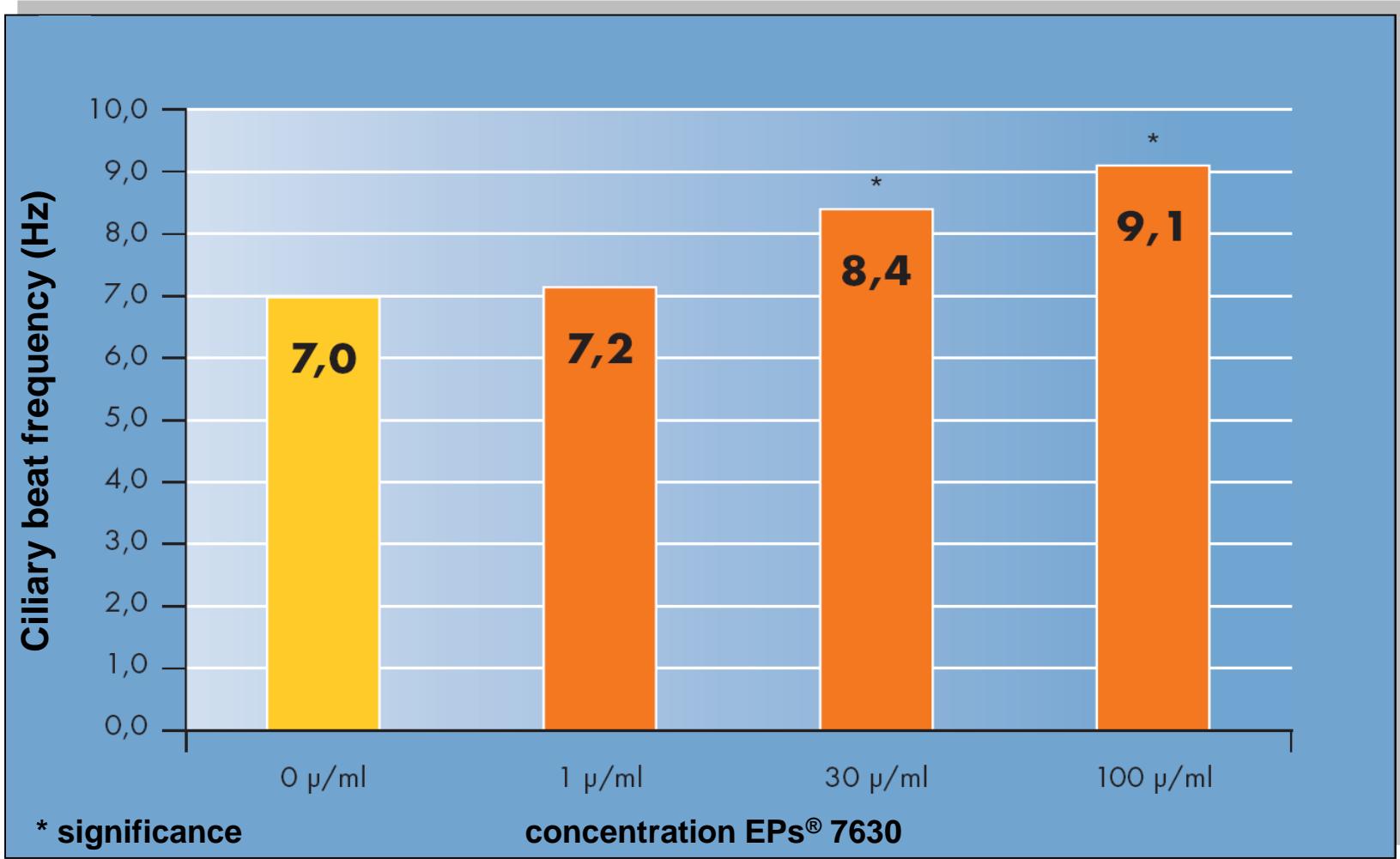
0 µg/ml EPs® 7630



30 µg/ml EPs® 7630

Conrad A et al.: Phytomedicine 2007; 14 (Suppl. VI): 52-59

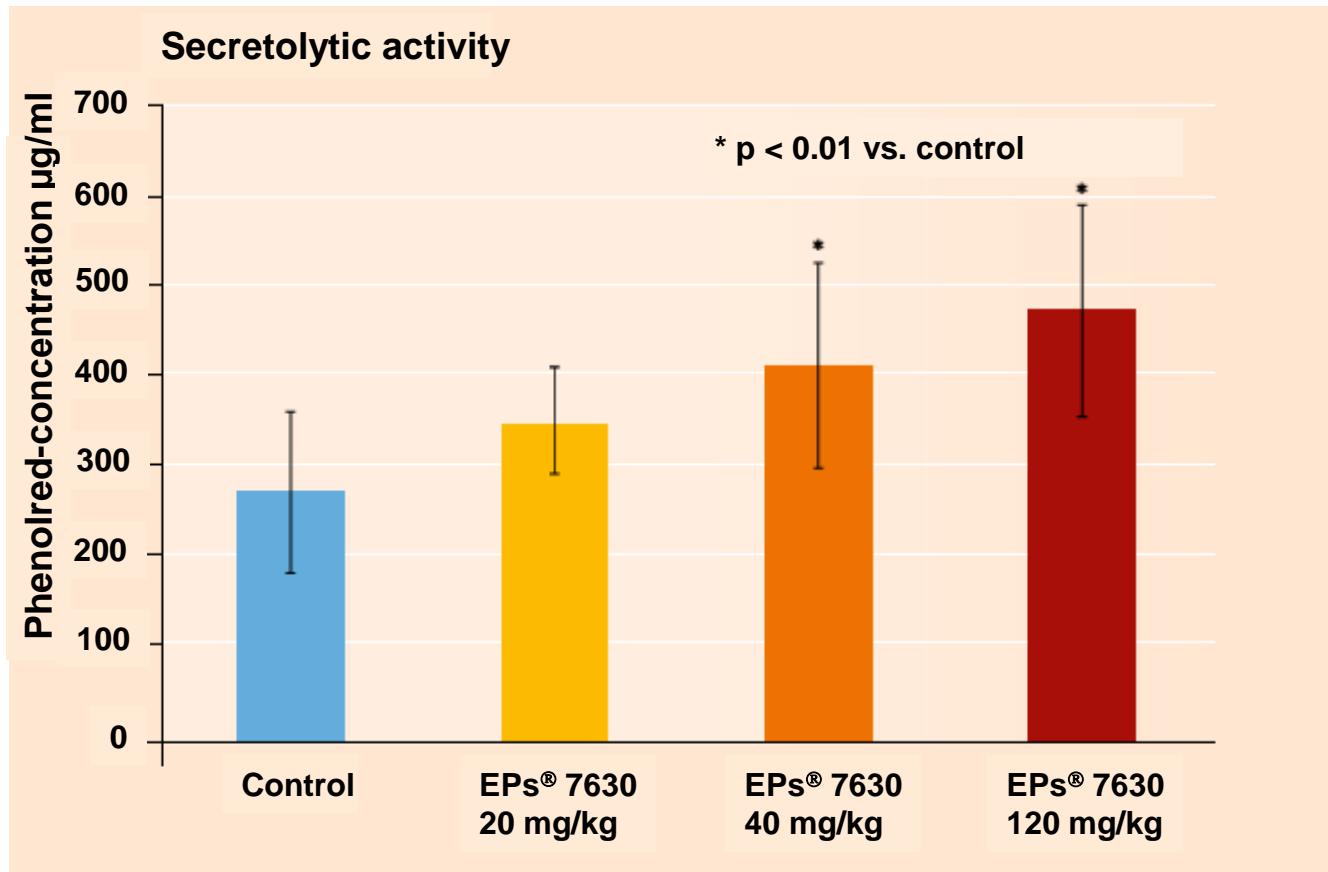
## Mode of action (III): secretomotoric



Neugebauer P et al.: Phytomedicine 2005; 12: 47–52

# Secretolytic action

EPs®7630 improves the secretolytic activity



Determination of tracheobronchial secretion of intraperitoneally injected phenol red in mice

Bao Y et al. (2015). Evaluation of pharmacodynamic activities of EPs® 7630, a special extract from roots of Pelargonium sidoides, in animals models of cough, secretolytic activity and acute bronchitis. Phytomedicine 22, (4), 504-509.

# Mode of action - Summary

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## Anti-viral:

- inhibition of replication of most important respiratory viruses<sup>1</sup>
- inhibition of neuraminidase activity<sup>2,3</sup> and hemagglutination<sup>3</sup>
- stimulation of interferon-β-synthesis<sup>4</sup>

## Anti-bacterial:

- inhibition of bacterial adherence<sup>5</sup>
- inhibition of bacterial internalization<sup>5</sup>

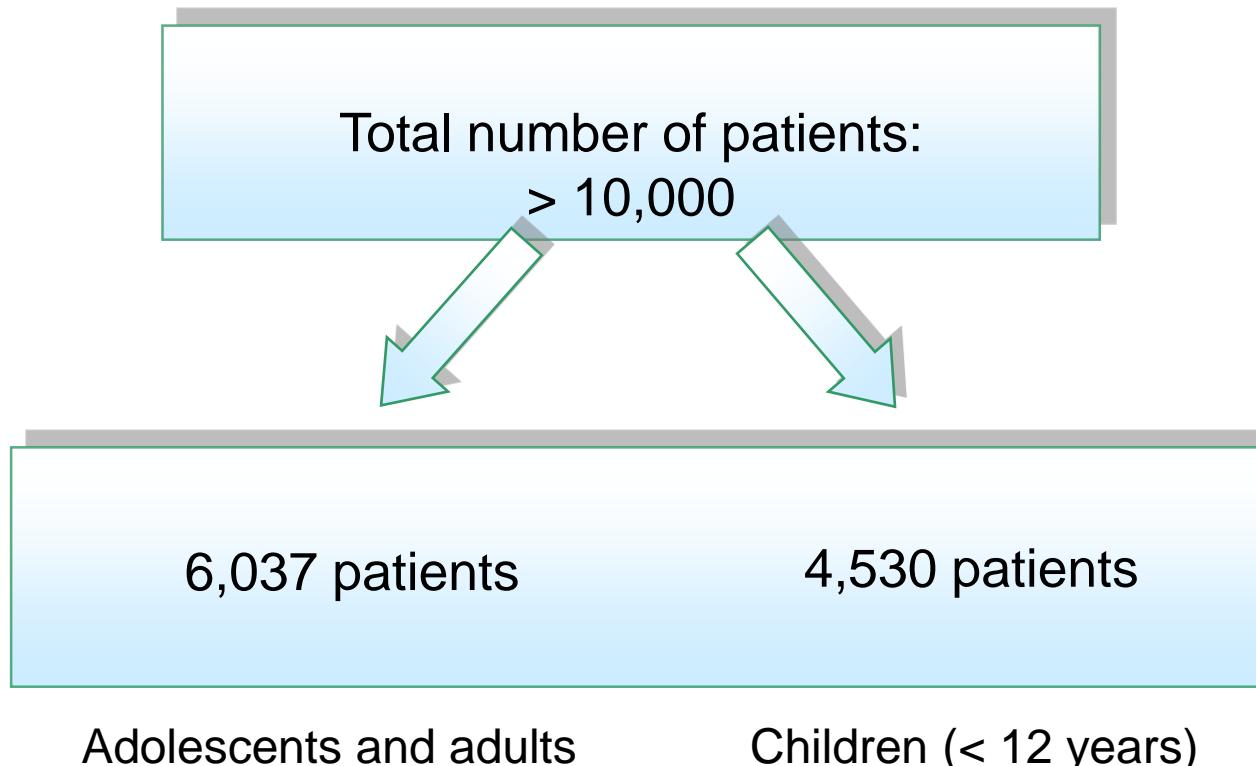
## Secretomotor/-lytic:

- improvement of ciliary beat frequency<sup>6</sup>
- secretolytic activity<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Michaelis et al. Phytomedicine 2011;18:384-386. <sup>2</sup>Janecki et al. Planta Med 2009;75:989-989. <sup>3</sup>Theisen and Muller. Antiviral Res 2012;94:147-156. <sup>4</sup>Koch et al. Naunyn-Schmiedeberg's Arch Pharmacol 2002;365(Suppl.1):R75. <sup>5</sup>Conrad et al. Phytomedicine 2007;14(Suppl.VI):52-59. <sup>6</sup>Neugebauer et al. Phytomedicine 2005;12:46-51. <sup>7</sup>Bao et al. Phytomedicine 2015; 22: 504-509

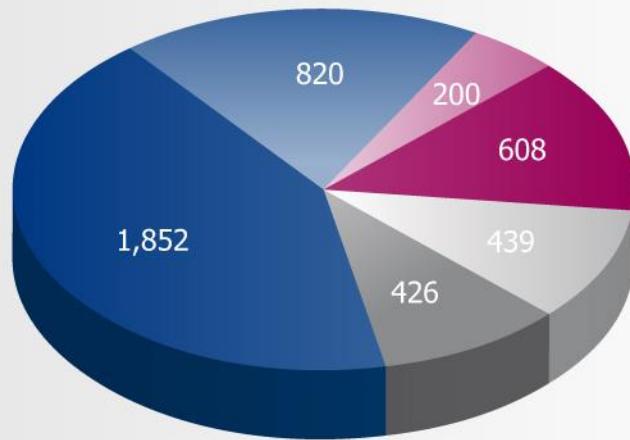
# Clinical trials

> 25 clinical trials: placebo-, reference-controlled,  
open and PMS



# EPs® 7630 – clinically proven in different RTIs

EPs® 7630 – investigated in 4345 patients in placebo-controlled clinical trials



■ Acute bronchitis (adults)  
■ Acute bronchitis (children)  
■ Chronic bronchitis  
■ Common cold  
■ Tonsillopharyngitis (children)  
■ Acute sinusitis (adults)

**19 double-blind placebo-controlled studies in different respiratory tract infections\***

- **Acute bronchitis**
- **Chronic bronchitis**
- **Common cold**
- **Tonsillopharyngitis**
- **Acute sinusitis**

Matthys et al. (2013), Adv Pharmacopidemiol Drug Saf 2: 142.  
doi:10.4172/2167-1052.1000142

## Clinical Efficacy and Safety of Liquid *Pelargonium sidoides* Preparation (EPs 7630) in Children with Acute Non-Streptococcal Tonsillopharyngitis

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# Efficacy in acute tonsillo-pharyngitis

**Study setup:**

Multi-center, prospective, randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind

**Patients:**

124 children (6-10 years old) (duration of complaints <48h, symptom severity of 5 typical tonsillitis symptoms >8 points, negative test for  $\beta$ -hemolytic streptococci)

**Treatment duration:**

6 days (check-up examinations after 2, 4 and 6 days)

**Intervention:**

3 x 20 drops EPs® 7630 solution or placebo

# Efficacy in acute tonsillo-pharyngitis

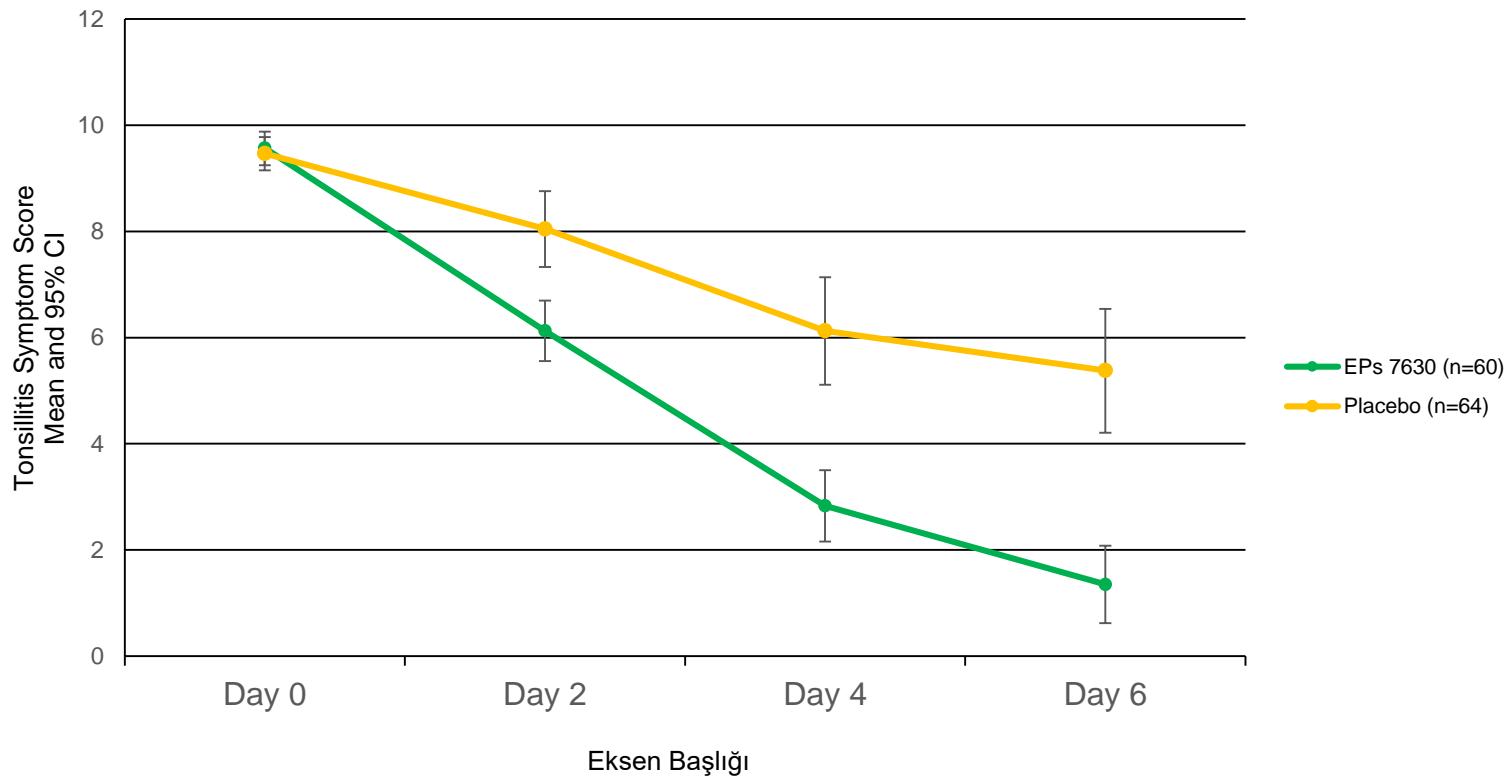
## Evaluation criteria

- Primary outcome:
  - Change in total score of the 5 typical tonsillitis symptoms between baseline and day 4
    - dysphagia
    - sore throat
    - salivation
    - reddening
    - fever
- Secondary outcomes:
  - Assessment of 7 further disease symptoms: swelling of pharynx, uvula, tonsils and lymph nodes, pain on pressure on lymph nodes, headache, pain in the limbs
  - Global assessment of treatment success by physician and patients/legal representatives (based on a rating scale), consumption of paracetamol

Trial II: Berezhnoi et al. J Compr Ped 2016; 7(4): e42158.

# Study results: acute tonsillo-pharyngitis

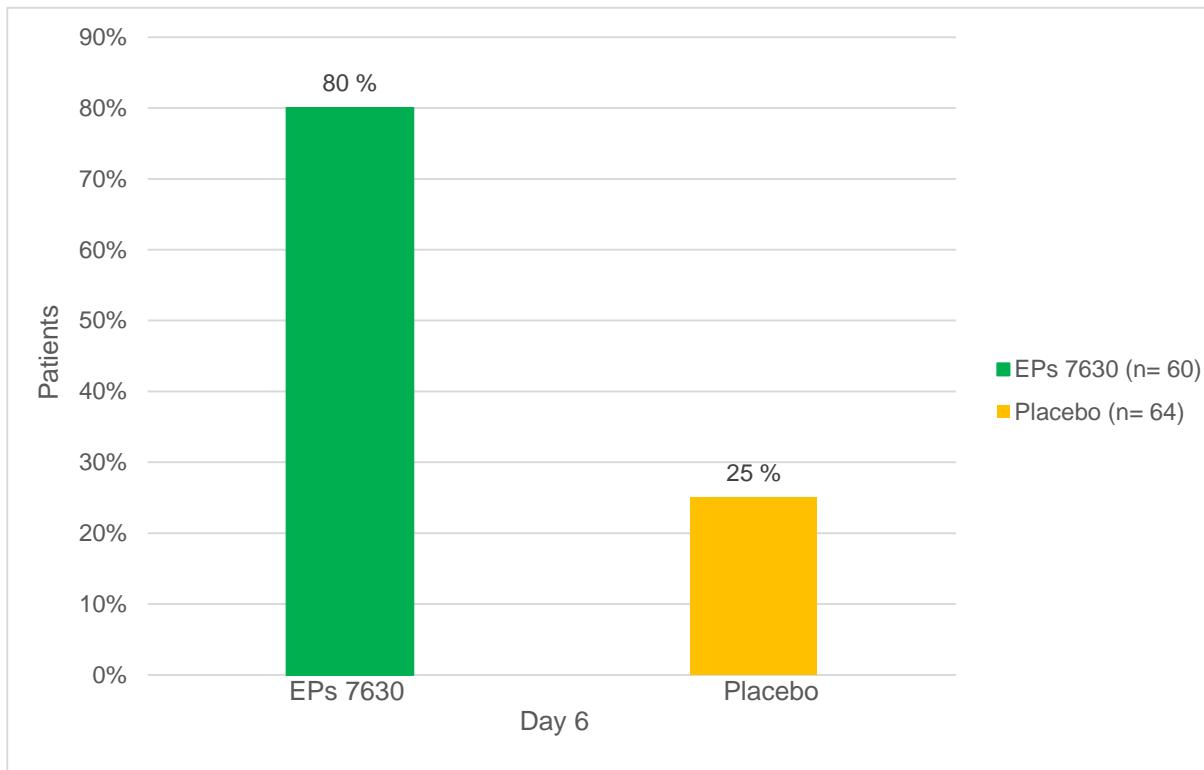
Decrease in total score of the 5 typical tonsillitis symptoms under EPs® 7630 and placebo treatment (ITT)



Berezhnoi et al. J Compr Ped 2016; 7(4): e42158.

# Study results: acute tonsillo-pharyngitis

Patients fully recovered (complaint-free) by day 6 according to patient-rating (ITT)



Berezhnoi et al. J Compr Ped 2016; 7(4): e42158.

## Study results: acute tonsillo-pharyngitis

EPs® 7630

- is superior to treatment with placebo (statistically significant difference)
- a more rapid onset of action with EPs® 7630 than placebo within four days of treatment (e.g. in 87% vs. 30% of patients)
- requires a less frequent application of paracetamol over a markedly shorter period of time
- shows a low incidence of adverse events
- was evaluated as well or very well tolerated by the patients



**First-line treatment of the acute non-streptococcal tonsillo-pharyngitis**

# Efficacy and safety of EPs® 7630 in common cold

V. G. Lizogub, D.S. Riley, M. Heger 2007

- Study design: Multi-center, prospective, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled
- Patients: 103 patients aged 18 to 55 years, suffering from common cold
- Duration: 10 days
- Dosage: 3 x 30 drops EPs® 7630 solution or placebo
- Primary Outcome: Sum of Symptom Intensity Differences (SSID) of the Cold Intensity Score (CIS) from day 1 to day 5

**Efficacy of a Pelargonium sidoides preparation in patients with the common cold: a randomized, double blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial. Explore 2007; 3: 573-584**

# Efficacy and safety of EPs® 7630 in common cold

## Inclusion criteria

- Presence of 2 major and at least 1 minor cold symptom
- Or presence of 1 major and 3 minor cold symptoms
- Presence of cold symptoms for 24-48h

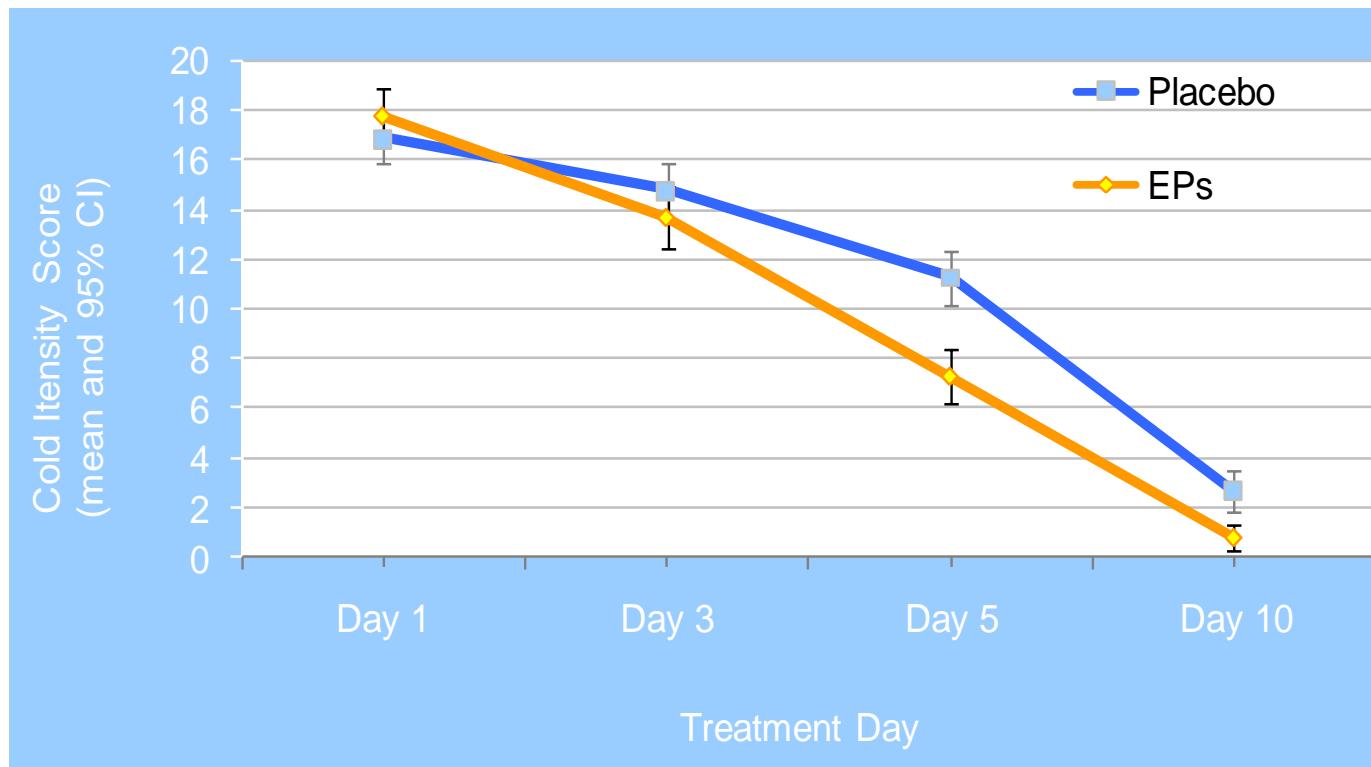
\* Major symptoms: Running nose, sore throat

\* Minor symptoms: Nasal congestion, cough, hoarseness, headache, aching muscles, fever

Lizogub et al. 2007

# Efficacy and safety of EPs® 7630 in common cold

## Changes in the CIS from day 0 till day 10



Lizogub et al. 2007

## Conclusion

- EPs is an effective and safe treatment of common cold compared to placebo.
- It significantly reduces the severity of symptoms
- It significantly shortens the duration of disease

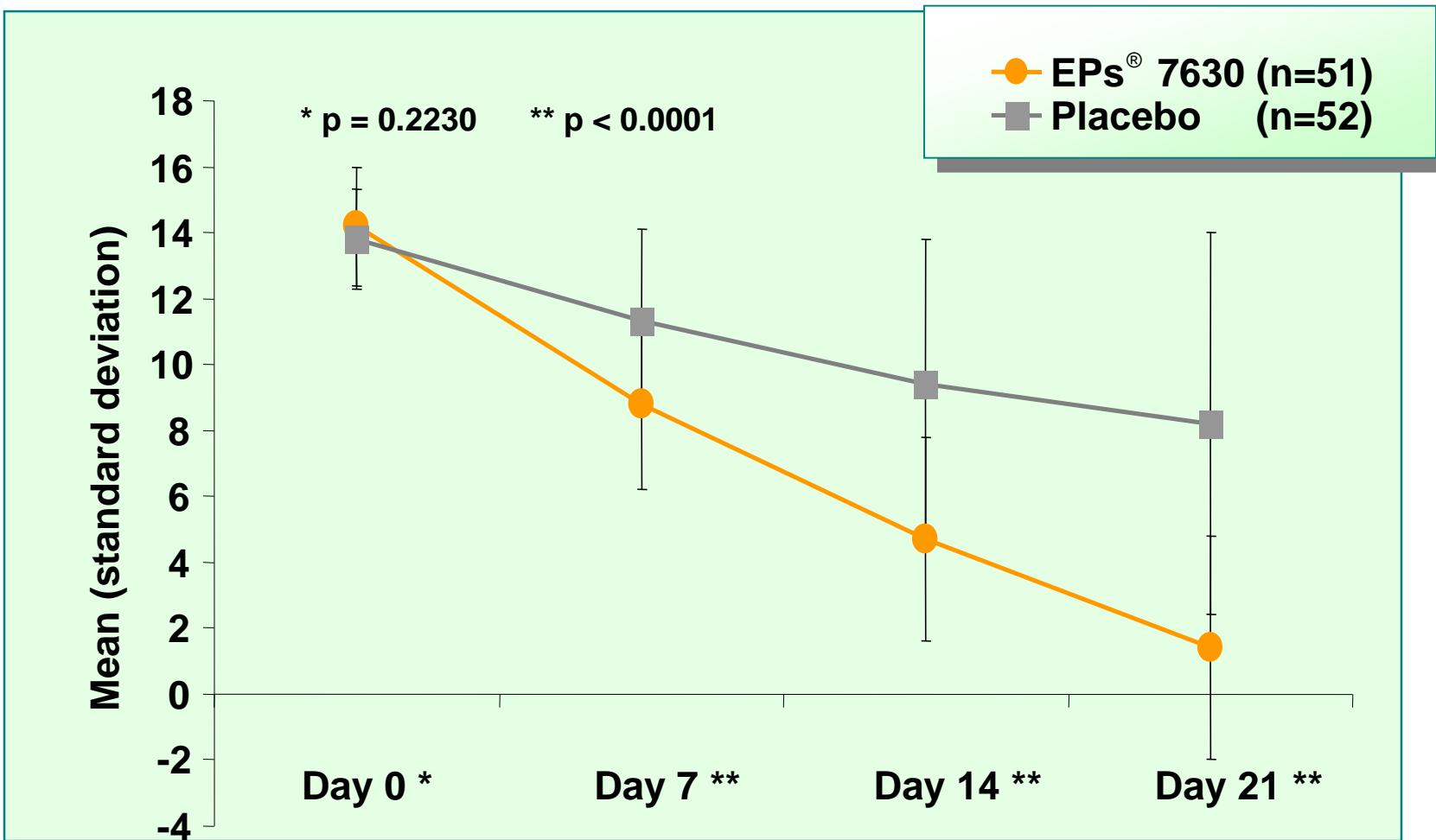
Lizogub et al. 2007

# EPs® 7630 in acute rhinosinusitis

<b>Study design:</b>	multi-center, prospective, randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind
<b>Patients:</b>	103 adults (18-60 years old) (confirmed by sinus radiography, severity of symptoms $\geq$ 12 points)
<b>Duration:</b>	22 days (check-up examinations after 7, 14, and 21 days)
<b>Dosage:</b>	EPs® 7630 solution: 3 x 60 drops or placebo
<b>Primary outcome:</b>	Change of the 6 typical sinusitis symptoms on day 7: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- headache</li><li>- maxillary pain</li><li>- maxillary pain worsening when bending forward, percussion or pressure</li><li>- nasal obstruction</li><li>- purulent nasal secretion</li><li>- purulent nasal discharge visualized in the middle meatus or purulent postnasal discharge</li></ul>
C. Bachert, A. Schapowal, P. Funk, M. Kieser:	Treatment of acute rhinosinusitis with the preparation from Pelargonium sidoides EPs® 7630: A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial. Rhinology 2009; 47: 51 - 58

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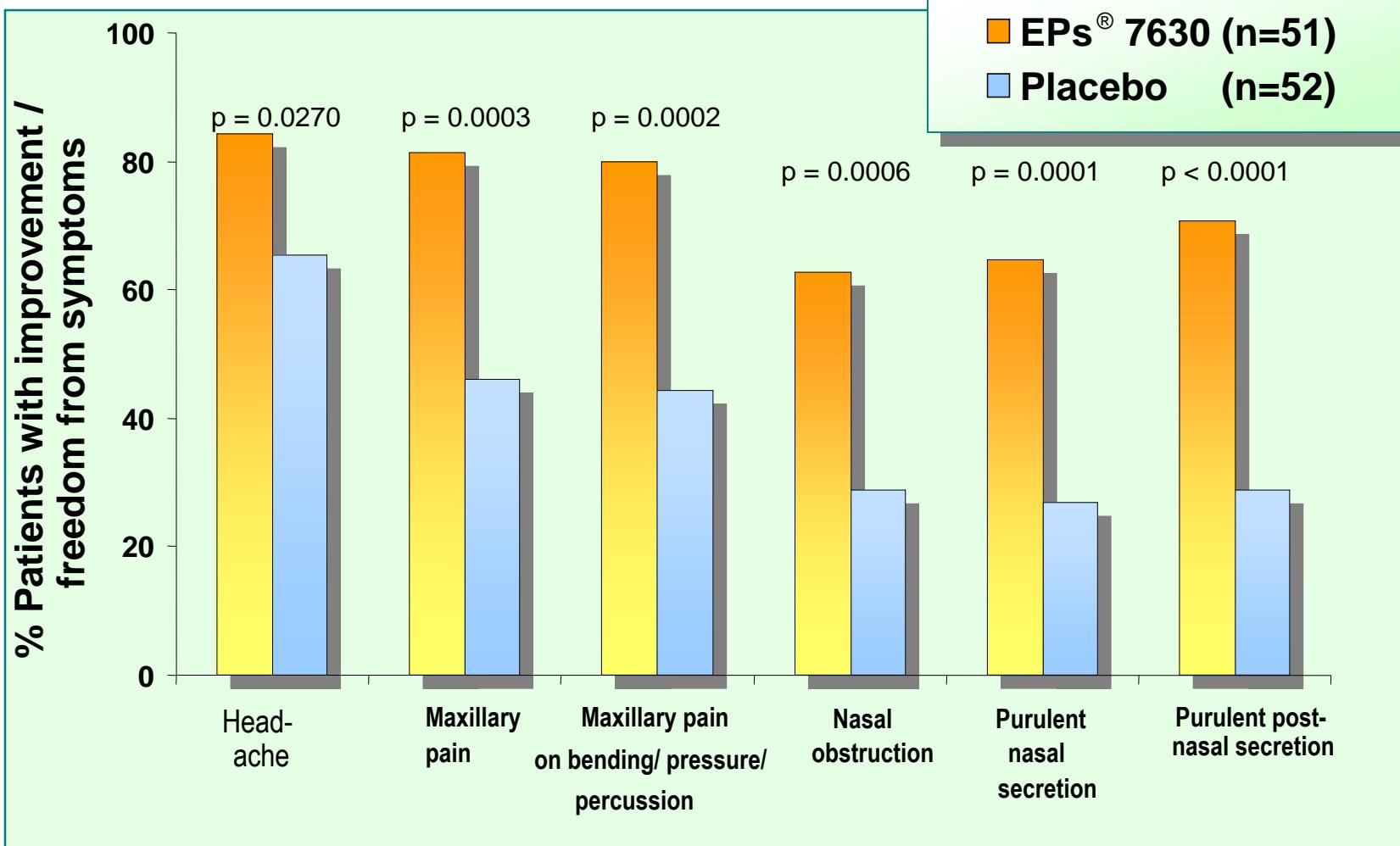
## Results: Sinusitis Severity Score (SSS)



Bachert et al. 2009

# EPs® 7630 in acute rhinosinusitis

## Results: SSS individual symptoms (Day 7)



Bachert et al. 2009

# EPs® 7630 in acute rhinosinusitis

## Conclusion

- Statistically significant and clinically relevant improvement in SSS
- Relevant improvement in state of health (IMOS)
- Shortened period of disability (Ability to work on day 7:  
EPs® 7630 (62.7% patients) vs. placebo (36.5% patients))
- Good tolerability

→ EPs® 7630 compared to placebo is an effective and well tolerated therapeutic option for the treatment of acute maxillary sinusitis

Bachert et al. 2009

# Case report: Bela, 12.5 year old school boy

## Anamnesis:

Persistent allergic rhinitis and asthma for 10 years, especially March – September

Sore and itchy throat when eating apples and carrots

Recurrent respiratory tract infections with rhinitis, pharyngitis, tonsillitis, bronchitis, asthma exacerbations

## Current therapy:

Cetirizine 10 mg on demand, Seretide 120 inhaler once daily during asthma exacerbation, antibiotics in RTIs 6 times in the last 12 months

Family doctor proposed tonsillectomy

## Case report: examination findings

ENT status: reddened palatine arches, reddened and slightly swollen nasal mucosa, reddened conjunctiva, auscultation: no wheezing

Skin prick test positive to pollens (grass, barley, oats, rye, wheat, dandelion, alder, hazel, birch, european beech, oak, robinia, ash-tree) and house dust mites

Total IgE 460 kU/l, specific IgE dermatophagoides farinae >100.00 kU/l, dermatophagoides pteronyssinus 68.90 kU/l, apple 2.44 kU/l, carrot 1.07 kU/l

Eosinophils 6.6 %, antistreptolysine titer 456 kU/l

Nasal provocation test positive to dermatophagoides pteronyssinus and dermatophagoides farinae

Spirometry: Mild obstruction

Metacholine challenge: moderate hyperreactivity, PD 20: 387.5 µg

# Case report: diagnosis and treatment

## Chronic tonsillitis - tonsillectomy

**Recurrent RTIs – EPs® 7630 3 x 30 drops from the very beginning for at least 7 days, 3 RTIs and no need for antibiotics in the last 12 months**

**Persistent allergic rhinitis, persistent allergic asthma, food allergy**

**Mometasone nasal spray 2 x 1, Seretide 250 diskhaler 2 x 1**

**Specific subcutaneous immunotherapy** with dermatophagoides pteronyssinus and dermatophagoides farinae 50 : 50, and with grass and birch pollen extract 50 : 50 for three years

**Allergen avoidance:** Encasing of mattress, bedcover, pillow; no apples, no carrots

# Take-Home-Messages

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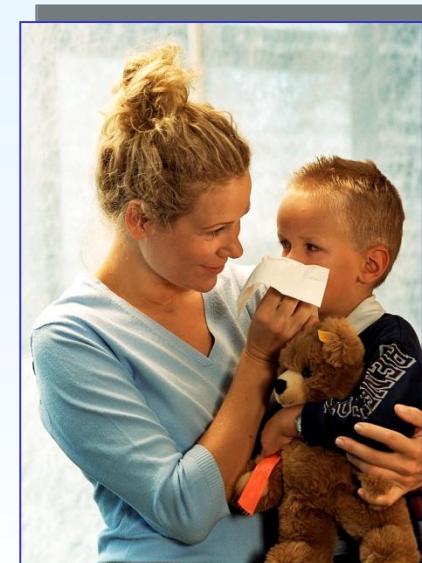
Comprehensive therapy with threefold mechanism of action:

- antiviral effects
- antibacterial effects
- secretomotoric/secretolytic



# Take-Home-Messages

- Unique product
- Intensively researched
- Clinically proven in RTI's in a high patient number (>10,000)
- Extensive clinical research data and experience in children
- Shortens the duration of the disease
- Fast onset of action
- Significant symptom relief
- Treats the cause of infection
- No antimicrobial resistance
- Excellent safety profile



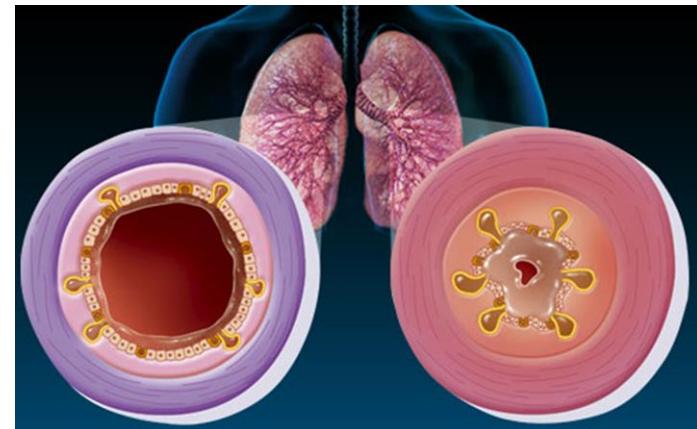
İlginize çok teşekkür ederim!



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# Akut bronşit

- Akut bronşit; trakeobronşiyal ağacın akut inflamasyonudur.
- Bu inflamasyon sonucunda havayolu mukozasında ödem ve sekresyon artışı olur.
- Sıklıkla bir üst solunum yolu enfeksiyonu ile birlikte veya onu takiben ortaya çıkar.



# Akut bronşitte olguların %85-95'i viral kökenli

- Basit akut bronşit ile ilişkilendirilmiş en yaygın patojenler, influenza A ve B virüsleridir
- Diğer yaygın viral patojenler:
  - Parainfluenza virüsü
  - Rinovirus
  - Koronavirüs
- Respiratuvar sinsityal virus (RSV), sıklıkla 1 yaşından küçük çocuklar ve yaşılırlarla ilişkilendirilmektedir
- Olguların %30'unda, hastalarda birden fazla viral enfeksiyon saptanabilir



Adapted from Worrall G, 2008<sup>1</sup>

# Akut bronşitte bulgular

- Hastaların %50'sinde 3 haftadan kısa süren, %25'inde 1 aydan uzun süren öksürük
- Hırıltılı soluma
- Balgam oluşumu
- Göğüs ağrısı
- Yorgunluk



# Akut bronşitte komplikasyonlar

Tedavi eksikliği veya uygunsuz bir tedavi, istenmeyen sonuçlara sebep olabilir:

- Sekonder bakteriyel enfeksiyon
- Yaşamı tehdit edici enfeksiyonlar (örn: pnömoni)
- Kronikleşme
- Kronik bronşit
- Alerjik astım



# Semptomatik tedavi: Avantaj/Risk

- **Semptom giderici ilaçlar**

- Mukolitik /ekspektoranlar
- Antipiretikler
- Dekonjestanlar ve antihistaminikler
- Bronkodilatatörler



- **Semptom gidericilerin sorunları:**

- Sadece semptomlara etki etmektedir
- Hastalığın nedenini tedavi etmemektedir
- Yan etkilere neden olabilmektedir
  - örn. Dekstrometorfan, nörodavranışsal değişikliklere yol açabilir.

# Akut bronşitte Umca, iki benzer çalışma!

<b>Primer amaç:</b>	<b>Akut bronşiti olan 1-18 yaş arası hastalarda EPs® 7630 solüsyonunun etkinliği ve güvenliği</b>
<b>Çalışmaların tasarımı:</b>	Randomize, çift-kör, plasebo-kontrollü klinik çalışmalar
<b>Doz:</b>	1 - 5 yaş, 3x10 damla, 6 - 12 yaş, 3x20 damla, >12 - 18 yaş, 3x30 damla, 7 gün boyunca EPs® 7630 veya aynı şekilde plasebo
<b>Primer kazanım kriteri:</b>	0 ile 7. günler arasında BSS (Bronşit semptom skorlaması) değişimi
<b>BSS (Bronşit semptom skorlaması) semptomları</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Öksürük</li><li>• Dinlemekle pulmoner raller</li><li>• Dispnea</li></ul>

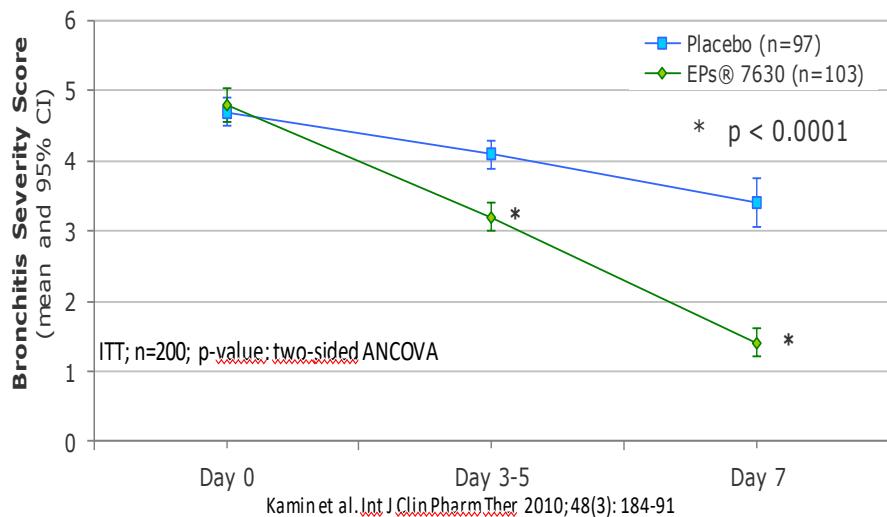
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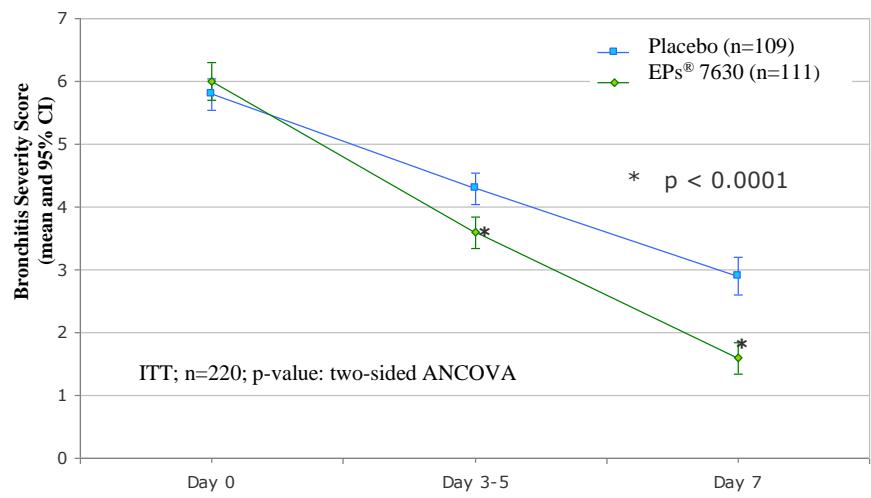
BSS'nin zaman ile değişimi:

Çalışma I (ITT analizi; n=200)



Çalışma II (ITT analizi; n=220)

EPs® 7630-solution in acute bronchitis in children (Study II)  
(BSS; ITT-analysis; n=220)

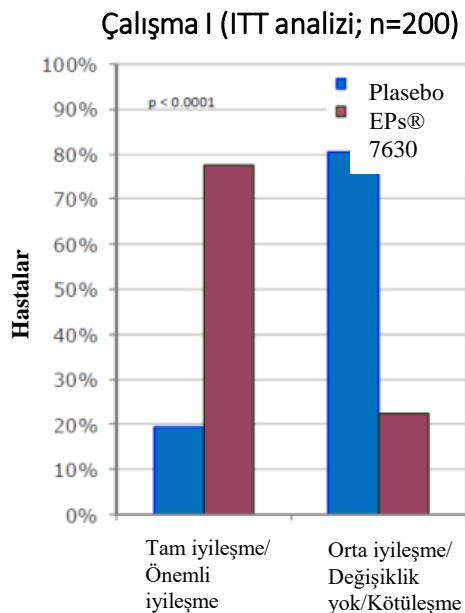


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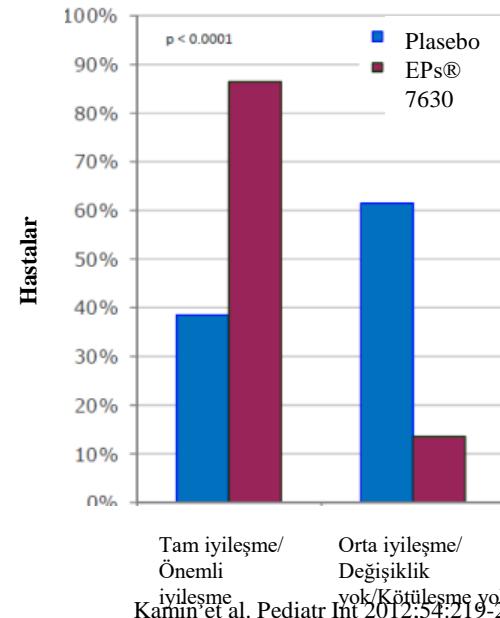
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Hekim değerlendirmesine göre, 7. gün tedaviden kazanım:



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Çalışma II (ITT analizi; n=220)

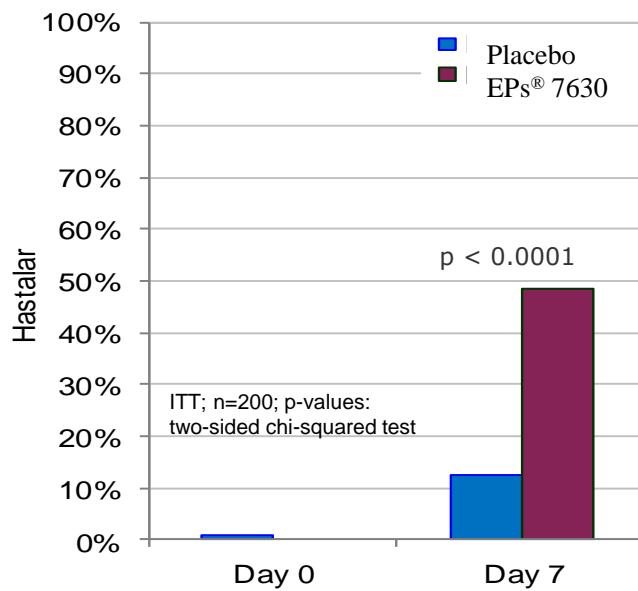


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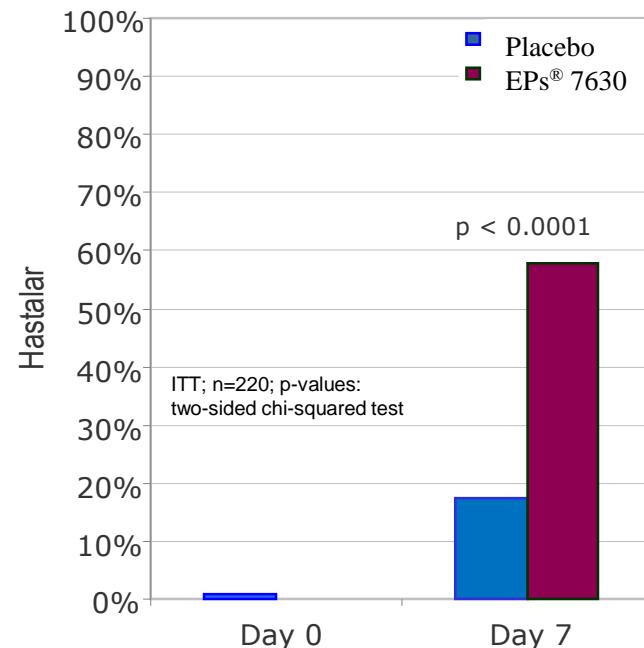
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# Akut bronşitte Umca

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- Tüm yaş gruplarında benzer etkinlik
- 7. günde tüm bronşit bulgularında anlamlı azalma
- 7. günde tedaviye yanıt oranı iki kat daha fazla
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Original Article  
**Treatment of acute bronchitis with EPs 7630: Randomized, controlled trial in children and adolescents**

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**Abstract** **Background:** The aim of this trial was to investigate the efficacy and tolerability of EPs 7630, a herbal drug preparation from Peucedanum officinale, in children and adolescents suffering from acute bronchitis.

**Methods:** A total of 230 patients with acute bronchitis were randomized and given either syrup containing EPs 7630 (1–6 years=6–12 years=12 years = 3 × 100 mg; 30 drops) or matching placebo for 7 days. The mean outcome measure was the change in the total score of bronchitis-specific symptoms (BSS) from day 0 to day 7.

**Results:** The mean decrease in the BSS total score was significantly higher for EPs 7630 compared to placebo (change day 0–day 7: 4.4 ± 1.8 vs 2.9 ± 1.4 points,  $P < 0.0001$ ). Improvement was more pronounced for 'coughing' and 'rare at inspiration'. Tolerance was similarly good in both groups.

**Conclusion:** Treatment with EPs 7630 was similarly good in both groups and appears to be an efficacious and well-tolerated option for the treatment of acute bronchitis in children and adolescents outside the strict indication for antibiotics.

**Key words:** acute bronchitis, children, EPs 7630, herbal medicine, Peucedanum officinale

The impact of non-influenza-related viral respiratory tract infections on public health systems has long been underestimated. These medical conditions represent a greater economic burden than the common cold, despite many other clinical features.<sup>1–2</sup> Cases that acute bronchitis is one of the most frequent health complaints for which patients seek medical care for these children, the unnecessary use of antibiotics as a medical management tool is often needed.

Although up to 90% of cases are caused by viruses, in approximately one third of cases antibiotics are prescribed, which contradicts the well-known problems of bacterial resistance and anti-microbial resistance.<sup>3–5</sup> Several trials have shown that antibiotic therapy is mainly ineffective in acute bronchitis, unless the pathogen is identified and a specific antibiotic appropriate laboratory test.<sup>6–10</sup> According to previous guidelines, antibiotic should be considered only if bronchitis-specific symptoms (BSS) persist for >10 days.<sup>11</sup> Specific characteristics are not strong clinical parameters for therapeutic decision making. Although the overall use of antibiotics in infants has declined to a certain degree, there is an increased use of macrolides, which has contributed to the development of macrolide-resistant streptococci, including streptococcus pneumoniae and group A streptococci.<sup>12</sup>

A therapeutic alternative in the routine treatment of acute bronchitis is the strict indication for antibiotic treatment is EPs 7630 (the active ingredient of the product Licokid®), which has been approved in Germany for use in children ≥1 year of age and adults.<sup>13</sup> It is a herbal drug preparation from the root of Peucedanum officinale (1.8–10, extractive matter, ethanol 11% v/v), which is widely used in Germany, the Commonwealth of Independent States, Turkey, in France and in Mexico.<sup>14</sup> In Germany the treatment of respiratory tract infections is licensed.<sup>15</sup> For EPs 7630 the antiviral, antiinflammatory, analgesic and antiseptic activities and its indirect immunomodulatory potency and immune-modulating capabilities were demonstrated previously.<sup>16–18</sup> The immunomodulatory activities are mediated mainly by the release of tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$  (TNF- $\alpha$ ) and interleukin-6 (IL-6) from leukocytes.<sup>19</sup> The immunomodulatory activities are also associated with increased phagocytosis, oxidative burst and nitric oxide production in phagocytes, and the inhibition of the interaction of group A streptococci and host epithelia.<sup>19–21</sup>

Statistical analysis of acute bronchitis with EPs 7630 has already been demonstrated in a double-blind, placebo-controlled, randomized clinical studies in adult patients.<sup>11,22</sup> Good results were also obtained in a successive study<sup>23</sup> as well as

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# UMCA, Akut Bronşitte, Amerika Aile Hekimleri Akademisi Kılavuzunda önerilmektedir.



## Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Bronchitis

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Cough is the most common symptom bringing patients to the primary care physician's office, and acute bronchitis is usually the diagnosis in these patients. Acute bronchitis should be differentiated from other common diagnoses, such as pneumonia and asthma, because these conditions may need specific therapies not indicated for bronchitis. Symptoms of bronchitis typically last about two weeks. The presence or absence of colored (e.g., green) sputum does not reliably differentiate between bacterial and viral lower respiratory tract infections. Viruses are responsible for more than 90 percent of acute bronchitis infections. Antibiotics should not be used for the treatment of acute bronchitis unless it is suspected to be pneumonia or if the patient is at increased risk for developing pneumonia (e.g., patients 65 years or older). The typical therapies for managing acute bronchitis symptoms have been shown to be ineffective, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued a warning against using cough and cold preparations in children younger than six years. The supplemental guidelines may help reduce symptoms severity in adults. As patient expectations for health and symptom severity in adults, the supplemental guidelines may be necessary to provide the safest therapies available while maintaining patient satisfaction. (Am Fam Physician. 2010;82(1):1345-1350. Copyright © 2010 American Academy of Family Physicians.)

► Patient information  
A handout on treatment of bronchitis is available by the author of this article. It is provided on page 1252.

**C**ough is the most common symptom for which patients present to their primary care physicians, and acute bronchitis is the most common diagnosis in these patients.<sup>1</sup> However, studies show that most patients with acute bronchitis are treated with nonpharmacologic or ineffective therapies.<sup>2</sup> Although some physicians cite patient expectations and time constraints for using these therapies, recent warnings from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) about the dangers of certain commonly used agents underscore the importance of using only evidence-based, effective therapies for bronchitis.

### Diagnosis

Acute bronchitis is a self-limited infection with cough as the primary symptom. This infection can be difficult to distinguish from other illnesses that commonly cause cough (Table 1).

The common cold often causes coughing; however, nasal congestion and rhinorrhea are also usually present, and a cold typically



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## SORT: KEY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRACTICE

Clinical recommendation	Evidence rating	References
Antibiotics should not be used routinely for the treatment of acute bronchitis	B	10, 12, 13
The following therapies may be considered to manage bronchitis-related symptoms:		
Antitussives (dextromethorphan, codeine, hydrocodone) in patients six years and older	C	12, 19
Beta-agonist inhalers in patients with wheezing	B	23
High-dose episodic inhaled corticosteroids	B	24
Echinacea	B	25
Pelargonium	B	26-28
Dark honey in children	B	28
The following medicines should not be used to manage bronchitis-related symptoms:		
Expectorants	B	22
Beta-agonist inhalers in patients without wheezing	B	23
Antitussives in children younger than six years	C	20, 21

# UMCA, Akut bronşitte, Avrupa Solunum Topluluğu Kılavuzunda önerilmektedir



## Chapter 1

### Acute bronchitis: aetiology and treatment

Carl Llor

**SUMMARY:** Acute bronchitis is an inflammation of the lower respiratory tract that occurs most commonly during the winter months and is associated with respiratory viruses. The role of bacteria in this infection is controversial, as bacterial isolates have never demonstrated bacterial invasion. Treatment is generally symptomatic, directed at relief of moderate respiratory symptoms, especially cough. Most of recent respiratory tract studies are self-limiting and several studies suggest that antibiotic treatment does not significantly shorten the duration of cough. However, some patients are prescribed antibiotics, mainly when associated sputum is present. Approaches to controlling acute cough have included antitussives, expectorants, antihistamines, and anti-inflammatories.  $\beta_2$ -agonists, anticholinergics, and oral anti-inflammatory drugs and herbal remedies. Despite the fact that these drugs are widely prescribed, there is little evidence that their use is helpful or safe enough. However, recent guidelines suggest that a short trial of an antitussive medication, mainly dextromethorphan, may be reasonable, as well as  $\beta_2$ -agonists in adults with bronchial obstruction.

**KEYWORDS:** Acute bronchitis, acute cough, respiratory infections, treatment

**A**cute bronchitis is a clinical term that implies a self-limiting infection of the large airways and other segments of upper respiratory tract infection. Clinical features of acute bronchitis include cough, sputum production, wheeze and tachypnoea or increased upper respiratory tract secretions, including bronchitis, rhinitis and croup [1]. Fever may be present in some patients with acute bronchitis, especially if high-grade fever should prompt consideration of pneumonia or influenza. After around three days, sputum will no longer contain evidence of pneumonia or influenza. After around three days, which constitutes the acute phase, resolution of symptoms may be seen. In less than 3 weeks, 50% of patients, but for more than 1 month, up to 25% of patients [2], usually, the cough is asymptomatic. Many patients with acute bronchitis also have the symptom of the disease, productive sputum is present. Many patients with acute bronchitis also have mucus. Physical findings are generally non-specific and the chest radiograph is normal.

**Table 1.** Clinical recommendations for acute bronchitis and evidence rating

Recommendation	Evidence rating
Increased fluid intake, heated and humidified air, and avoidance of smoking and second-hand tobacco smoke	C
Antibiotics should not be routinely used	A
Antivirals should not be routinely used	B
Antitussives (dextromethorphan, codeine and hydrocodone) are recommended in adults	B
Antitussives are not recommended in children	C
$\beta_2$ -agonist inhalers are recommended in patients with wheezing	B
$\beta_2$ -agonist inhalers are not recommended in patients without wheezing	B
Expectorants are not recommended in adults	B
High-dose episodic inhaled corticosteroids are recommended	B
Analgesics and NSAIDs are recommended	B
Echinacea is recommended	B
<b>Pelargonium is recommended</b>	<b>B</b>
Chinese herbs are recommended	B
Honey is recommended in children	B

Llor, Acute Bronchitis, Eur Respir Monogr, 2013

# Yerel ve Uluslararası kılavuzlarda Umca

## Uluslararası Kılavuzlar

### Avrupa Solunum Monografi

ERS, Llor C., 2013

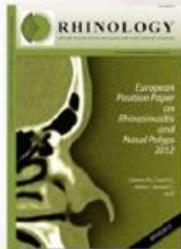
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**B kanıt düzeyi**



### Avrupa Rinosinüzit Kılavuzu

EPOS, Fokkens, 2012

**Akut rinosinüzitte** önerilmiştir.  
**A öneri düzeyi**



## Lokal Kılavuzlar

### Almanya: S3 Öksürük rehberi

German College of General Practitioners and Family Physicians:  
**Akut bronşitte** önerilmiştir.



**Almanya: S3 Rinosinüzit rehberi**  
**Akut rinosinüzitte** önerilmiştir.

### ABD: Amerikan Aile Hekimleri Kılavuzu

American Family Physicians (Ross 2010):

**Akut bronşitte** önerilmiştir. **B kanıt düzeyi**



American Family Physicians (Fashner 2012):  
**Soğuk algınlığında** önerilmiştir.

# Dikkat!

## Yan etkiler :

Nadiren :

- Gastro-intestinal bulgular (karın ağrısı, yanma, bulantı, diare)

Çok nadiren:

- Hafif diş eti veya burun kanaması
- Hipersensitivite reaksiyonları (fasiyal ödem, dispne, KB düşmesi)

## Kontrendikasyonlar:

- UMCA'nın içinde bulunan maddelerden herhangi birine karşı aşırı duyarlılık,
- Kanama eğiliminde artışın bulunduğu hallerde ve antikoagülan ilaçlar uygulanırken,
- Yeterli deneyim bulunmadığı için, şiddetli böbrek ve/veya karaciğer yetmezliği olanlarda

## Etkileşim:

- Plasebo kontrollü, çift-kör çalışmada, UMCA ve penisilin V arasında hiçbir etkileşim görülmemiştir.

# Güvenlik ve tolerabilite profili

Günlük doz\*  
**990,000,000**

vs

Advers olay insidansı  
**1.24**  
tanımlanan milyon dozda

Buna göre, ortalama 7 günlük tedavi döneminde **115,000** hastadan yalnızca **1 hastada** yan etki görülecektir.

\*Schwabe verisi: 1992-2016 yılları arasında satılan günlük doza göre

# Klinik çalışmalarında Umca'nın güvenliği



**Advances in Pharmacoepidemiology &  
Drug Safety**

Matthys et al., Adv Pharmacopidemiol Drug Saf 2013, 2:4  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.4172/2167-1052.1000142>

**Review Article**

**Open Access**

## Safety and Tolerability of EPs 7630 in Clinical Trials

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In 19 double-blind, placebo-controlled trials, the type and incidence rate of adverse events under EPs 7630 were similar to those in patients treated with placebo. For gastrointestinal complaints and epistaxis, event rate differences

19 çift-kör, plasebo kontrollü klinik çalışmada EPs 7630 ile görülen advers etkilerin tipleri ve İnsidansları, plasebo ile tedavi edilen hastalarla aynıdır.

Matthys, Adv Pharmacopidemiol Drug Saf, 2013

# Ürün profili ve pozoloji

Aktif etkin madde:

Pelargonium sidoides kökü ekstresi (1:8-10) (EPs® 7630)  
Ekstraksiyon ajanı: etanol 11 % (m/m)

Doz:

Doz korelasyonu:

**1 tablet (20 mg) = 30 damla solüsyon = 7.5 ml şurup**

Relapsı önlemek için, tedavi semptomlarının kesilmesinden sonra **2 gün** daha devam ettirilmelidir.

Endikasyon:

Akut solunum yolu enfeksiyonlarının tedavisi

GÜNLÜK DOZ	12 yaş üzeri çocuklar ve yetişkinler	6-12 yaş arası çocuklar	1-5 yaş arası çocuklar
Solüsyon	3 x 30 damla	3 x 20 damla	3 x 10 damla
Tablet	3 x 1 tablet	2 x 1 tablet	-
Şurup	3 x 7.5 ml	3 x 5.0 ml	3 x 2.5 ml

# Umca, özetle...

- Çok yoğun olarak araştırılmış, **etki mekanizması** ortaya konmuş
- Etkililiği çok sayıda hastada kanıtlanmış (**10.000**),
- Çocuklarda da yoğun klinik çalışma ve deneyim (> **4000**),
- **Hızlı ortaya çıkan etki**,
- Semptomlarda belirgin düzelseme/azalma,
- Hastalığın süresinde en az **2 gün kısalma**, kazanım...
- Enfeksiyonun nedenine etkili,
- **Direnç söz konusu değil**,
- Çok iyi bir güvenlik profili



Akut solunum yolu enfeksiyonlarında  
komplikasyonları önlemede  
**antibiyotığın yeri yoktur!**



Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

## Antibiotics for preventing suppurative complications from undifferentiated acute respiratory infections in children under five years of age

New search

Review

Intervention

Márcia G Alves Galvão Marilene Augusta Rocha Crispino Santos, Antonio JL Alves da Cunha

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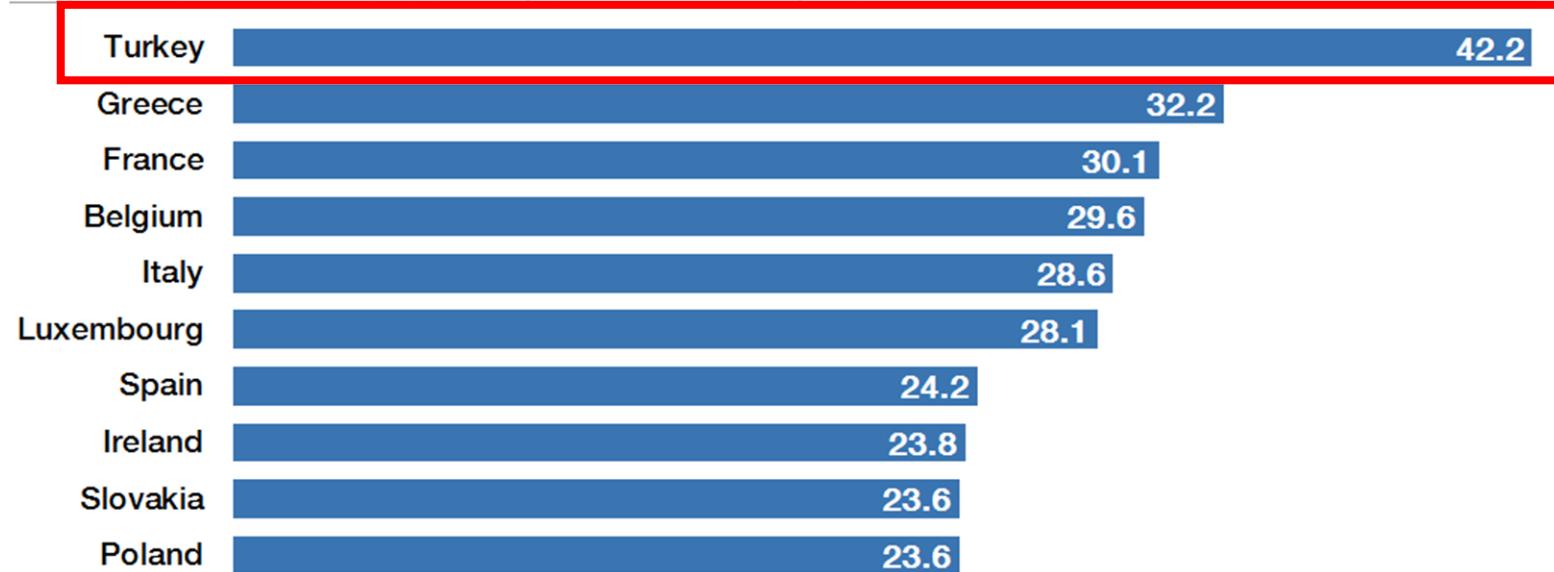
Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2016 Feb 29;2:

# Buna karşı, Antibiyotik tüketiminde (maalesef) birinciyiz...



## Which country uses the most antibiotics?

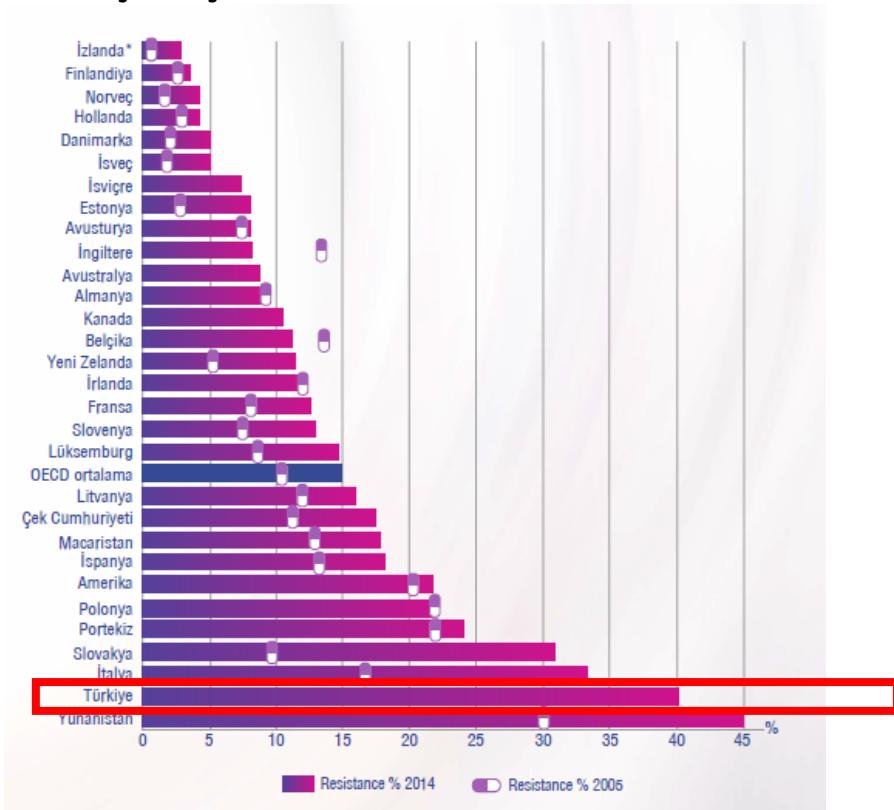
Daily dose per 1000 people, per day (2013 or nearest year)



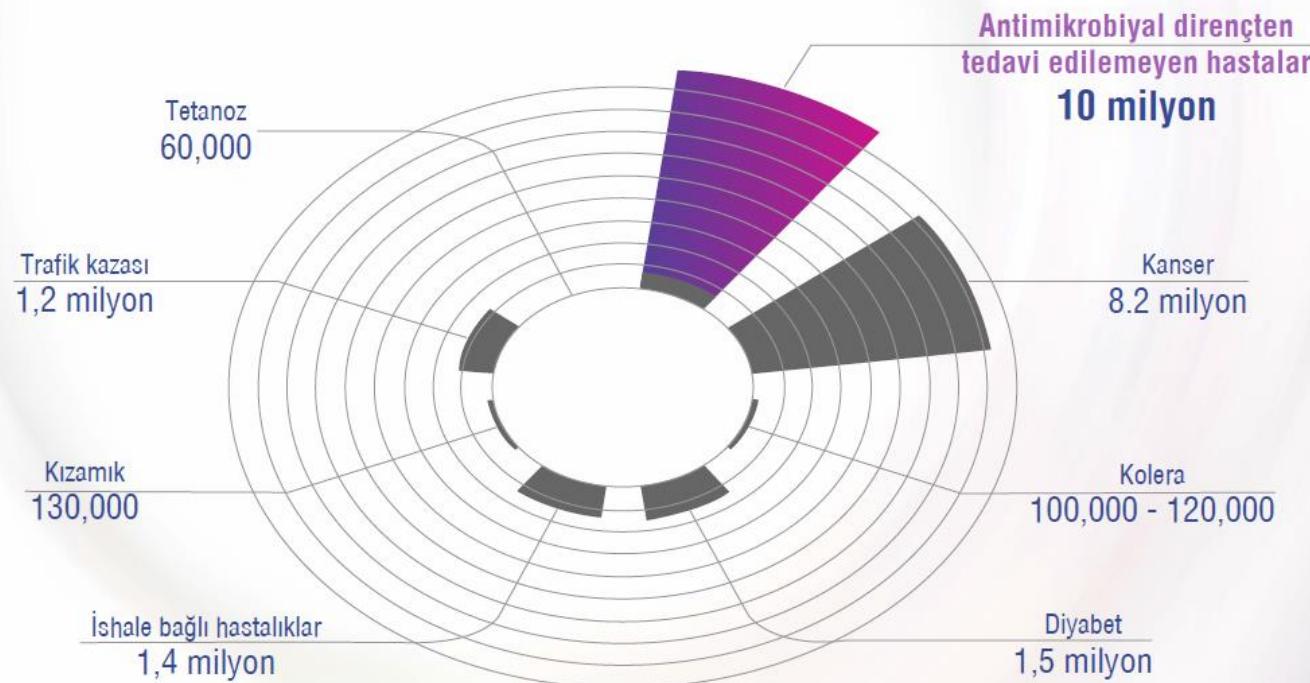
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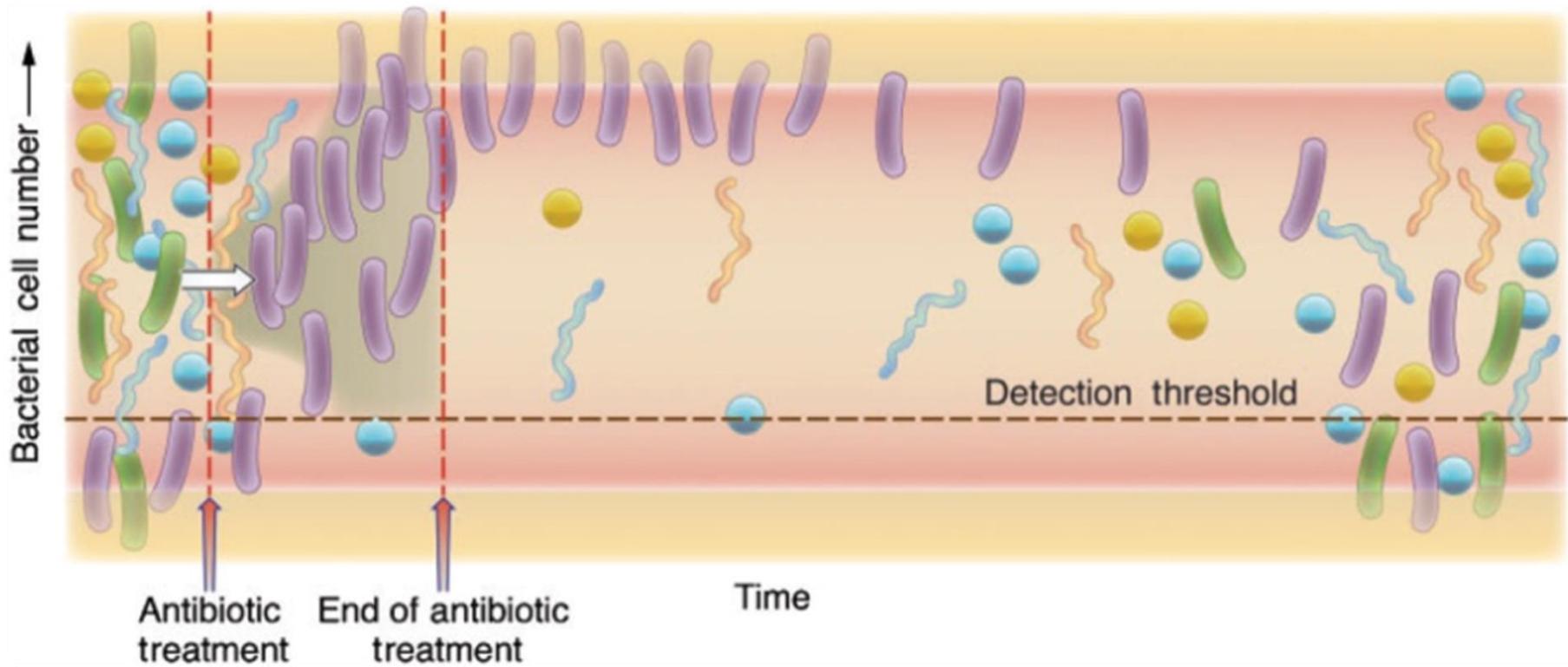
# Türkiye'de antibiyotik direnci yıllar boyunca artmaktadır

## Direnç Gelişimi



**2050 yılında, Dünya'da 10 milyon kişinin  
antimikrobiyal direnç sebebi ile  
tedavi edilemeyen enfeksiyonlardan öleceği düşünülmektedir.**





## Original Article

*International Journal of Obesity*, (21 August 2012) | doi:10.1038/ijo.2012.

### Infant antibiotic exposures and early-life body mass

L Trasande, J Blustein, M Liu, E Corwin, L M Cox and M J Blaser

**Objectives:**

**To examine the associations of antibiotic exposures during the first 2 years of life and the development of body mass over the first 7 years of life.**

**Design:**

**Longitudinal birth cohort study.**

**Subjects:**

**A total of 11 532 children born at  $\geq 2500$  g in the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children (ALSPAC), a population-based study of children born in Avon, UK in 1991–1992.**

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*Pediatrics* 2012;130:e794; originally published online September 24, 2012;  
DOI: 10.1542/peds.2011-3886

## Antibiotic Exposure and IBD Development Among Children: A Population-Based Cohort Study

**WHAT'S KNOWN ON THIS SUBJECT:** Inflammatory bowel disease pathogenesis is incompletely understood. Previous pediatric studies suggested associations between antibiotic use and inflammatory bowel disease development but were limited by recall bias, lack of controls, incomplete antibiotic capture, or included exposures between symptom onset and diagnosis.

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### KEY WORDS

antimicrobials, epidemiology, inflammatory bowel disease, pediatric, population-based studies

### ABBREVIATIONS

aHR—adjusted hazard ratio

CI—confidence interval

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### **Young children's antibiotic exposure associated with higher food allergy risk**

*Date:* September 1, 2016

*Source:* University of South Carolina

*Summary:* Antibiotic treatment within the first year of life may wipe out more than an unwanted infection: exposure to the drugs is associated with an increase in food allergy diagnosis, new research suggests.

## Antibiotic treatment increased risk for type 1 diabetes in animal study

Date: August 22, 2016

Source: NYU Langone Medical Center / New York University School of Medicine

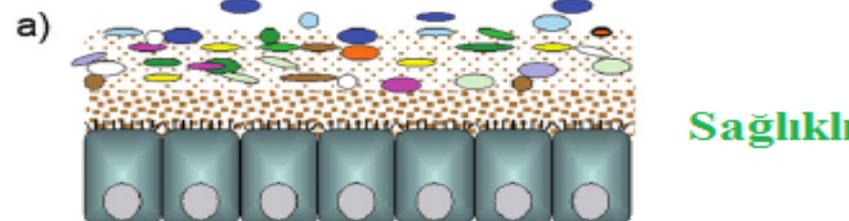
Summary: In doses equivalent to those used regularly in human children, antibiotics changed the mix of gut microbes in young mice to dramatically increase their risk for type 1 diabetes.

"This is the first study of its kind suggesting that antibiotic use can alter the microbiota and have lasting effects on immunological and metabolic development, resulting in autoimmunity.

We're eager to see how these findings may impact the discovery of type 1 diabetes preventive treatments in the future and continued research in the area of vaccines."

*Jessica Dunne, director of Discovery Research at Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation*

- . Çeşitli ve kalabalık mikroorganizma topluluğu
- . Firmicutes, Bacteroidetes ve Actinobacteria dominant
- . Yeterli SCFA üretimi
- . İntakt mukozal bariyer
- . Belirgin bir enfiamasyon yok



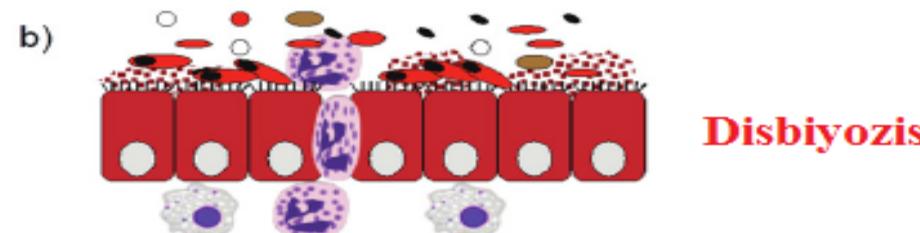
#### Tedavi ile disbiyozisin dengelenmesi

Antibiyotikler  
Probiyotikler  
Diyet/Prebiyotikler  
Fekal transplantasyon

Sağlıklı

#### Disbiyozis ilişkili hastalıklar

Kronik gastrointestinal enfeksiyonlar  
Antibiyotik ilişkili ishal  
Psödomembranöz kolit  
Enflamatuvvar bapırsak hastalıkları  
Nekrotizan enterokolit



- . Mikroorganizma çeşitliliği azalmış
- . Artmış Enterobacteriaceae/fırsatçı patojenler
- . Yetersiz SCFA profili
- . Mukozal bariyerde bozulma
- . Konakçında enflamatuvvar yanıtın başlaması

Sağlıklı bir intestinal sistem – disbiyozis ilişkisi



# 12-18 Kasım Antibiyotik Farkındalık Haftası

**Antibiyotik farkındalık haftanızı kutlar,**  
gerekşiz antibiyotik kullanımına karşı gösterdiğiniz  
hassasiyet için teşekkür ederiz.

