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# **Role of disease control on carbon footprint of asthma and COPD care**

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# Conflicts of interest

- **Current positions**

- Professor, Tampere University
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- **Fees from industry**

- Fees for lectures or advisory board meetings, Costs for attending congresses or meetings: ALK, AstraZeneca, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Chiesi, Circassia, GSK, Mundipharma, Novartis, Orion Pharma, Sanofi, Teva

# Much lower carbon footprint of DPI or soft mist inhaler in comparison to pMDI

Inhaler	Type	Carbon footprint per dose (gCO <sub>2</sub> e)
DPI (general MCTOC estimate) <sup>1</sup>	DPI	<20
pMDI (general MCTOC estimate) <sup>1</sup>	pMDI	200-300
Buventol Easyhaler <sup>2</sup> (salbutamol)	DPI	3.1
Bufomix Easyhaler <sup>2</sup> (budesonide, formoterol)	DPI	4.0
Formoterol Easyhaler <sup>2</sup> (formoterol)	DPI	4.3
Budesonide Easyhaler <sup>2</sup> (budesonide)	DPI	3.3
Beclomethasone Easyhaler <sup>2</sup> (beclomethasone)	DPI	3.1
Salflumix Easyhaler <sup>2</sup> (salmeterol, fluticasone propionate)	DPI	9.5
Relvar Ellipta <sup>3</sup> (vilanterol, fluticasone furoate)	DPI	25.5
Seretide Diskus <sup>3</sup> (salmeterol, fluticasone propionate)	DPI	20.9
Seretide Evohaler <sup>3</sup> (salmeterol, fluticasone propionate)	pMDI	229.5
Spiriva Respimat <sup>4</sup> (tiotropium)	SMI	12.9
Berodual Respimat <sup>4</sup> (ipratropium, fenoterol)	SMI	6.5
Berodual <sup>4</sup> (ipratropium, fenoterol)	pMDI	82.4
Atrovent <sup>4</sup> (ipratropium)	pMDI	72.9
Foster Nexthaler <sup>5</sup> (beclomethasone, formoterol)	DPI	7.6
Clenil <sup>5</sup> (beclomethasone)	pMDI	83.1
Foster <sup>5</sup> (beclomethasone, formoterol)	pMDI	94.4
Trimbow <sup>5</sup> (beclomethasone, formoterol, glycopyrronium)	pMDI	119.0

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# Carbon footprint of one year treatment with different inhalers

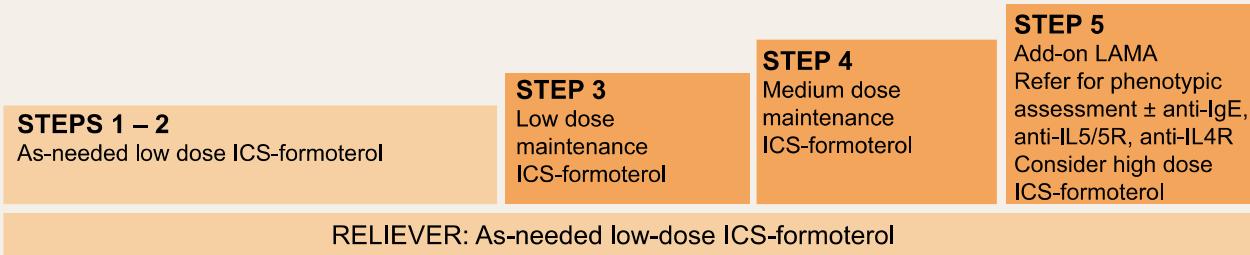
Drug	DPI or SMI (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e)	pMDI (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e)
<b>ICS budesonide 200µg x2</b>	2.4 (Budesonide Easyhaler®)	219 (MCTOCT†)
<b>ICS beclomethasone 200µg x2</b>	2.2 (Beclomethasone Easyhaler®)	60 (Clenil®)
<b>LABA/ICS Budesonide/formoterol 320/9 x2</b>	2.9 (Easyhaler®)	219 (MCTOCT†)
<b>LABA/ICS Beclomethasone/formoterol</b>	2.8 (Foster NEXThaler®)	69 (Foster®)
<b>LABA/ICS salmeterol/fluticasone x2</b>	7.0 (Salflumix Easyhaler®)- 14.6 (Seretide Diskus®)	510 (Seretide Evohaler®)
<b>LAMA 1 canister/month</b>	9.3 (Spiriva Respimat®**)	
<b>ICS/LAMA/LABA 1 canister/month</b>		119 (Trimbow®)
<b>SABA twice a week*</b>	0.3 (Buventol Easyhaler®)	31 (MCTOCT†)
<b>SABA 3x200 /year*</b>	1.9 (Buventol Easyhaler®)	90 (MCTOCT†)
<b>SABA 200 /month*</b>	7.4 (Buventol Easyhaler®)	360 (MCTOCT†)
<b>SAMA 1 canister/month</b>		204 (Atrovent®)

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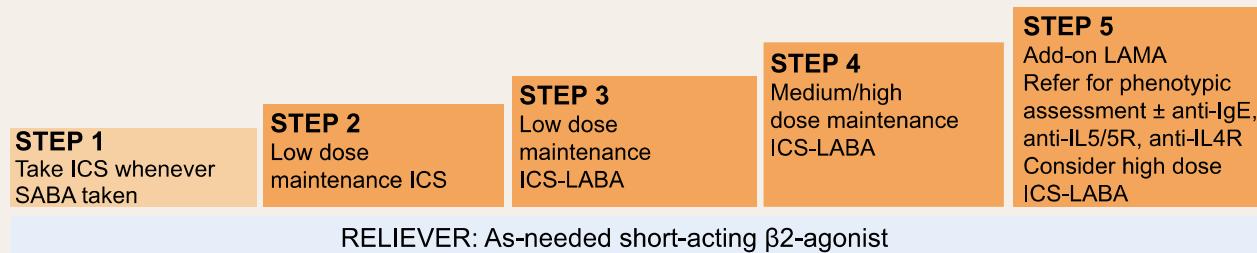
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# Stepwise treatment of asthma and COPD -maintenance inhalers and relievers

**CONTROLLER** and  
**PREFERRED RELIEVER**  
(Track 1). Using ICS-formoterol as reliever reduces the risk of exacerbations compared with using a SABA reliever



**CONTROLLER** and  
**ALTERNATIVE RELIEVER**  
(Track 2). Before considering a regimen with SABA reliever, check if the patient is likely to be adherent with daily controller



$\geq 2$  moderate exacerbations or  $\geq 1$  leading to hospitalization

**Group C**  
LAMA

**Group D** LAMA or  
LAMA + LABA\* or  
ICS + LABA\*\*  
\*Consider if highly symptomatic (e.g. CAT > 20)  
\*\*Consider if eos  $\geq 300$

0 or 1 moderate exacerbations (not leading to hospital admission)

**Group A**  
A Bronchodilator

**Group B**  
A Long Acting Bronchodilator (LABA or LAMA)

mMRC 0-1, CAT < 10

mMRC  $\geq 2$ , CAT  $\geq 10$

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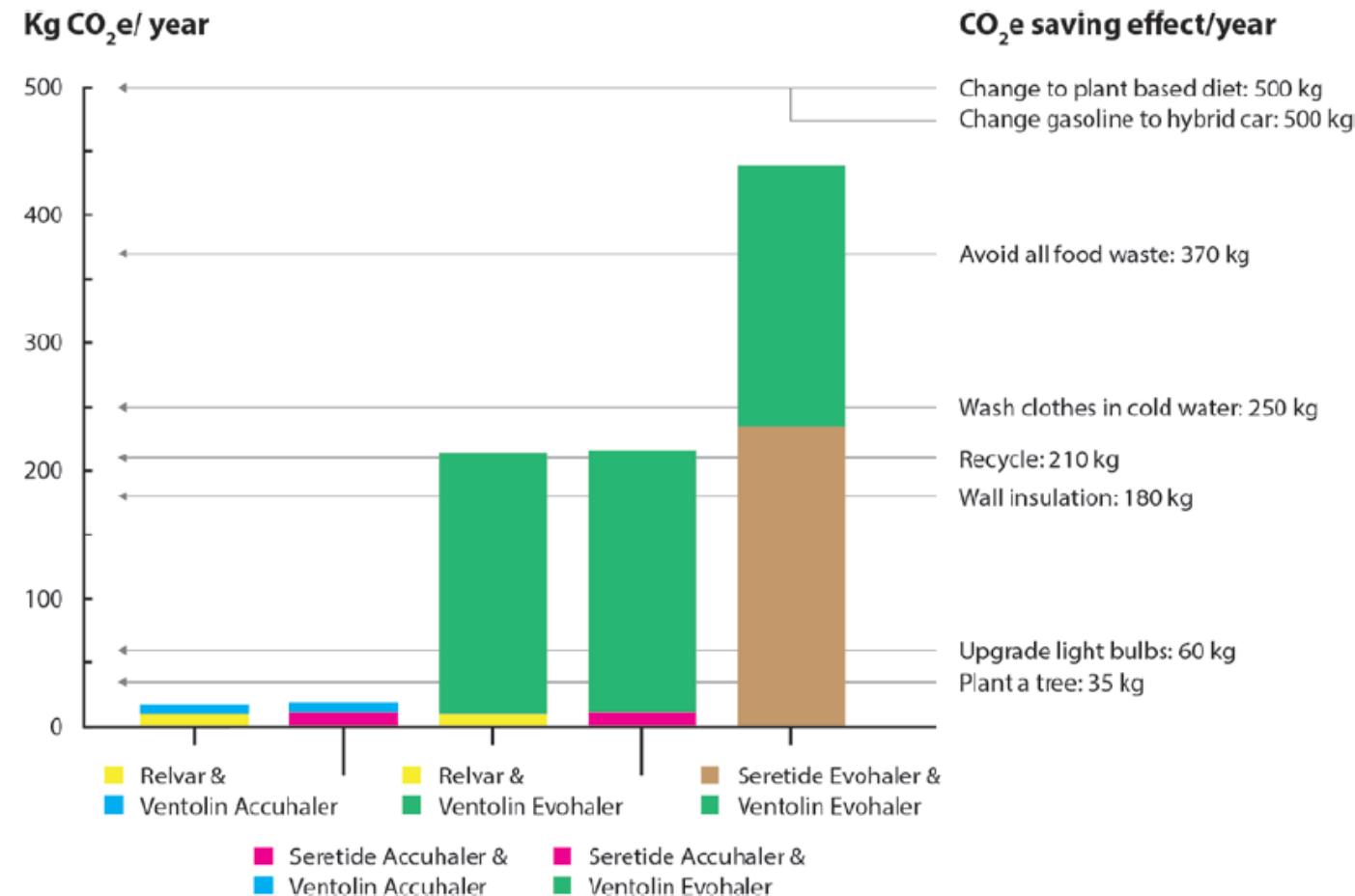
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## Annual carbon footprint (kg CO<sub>2</sub>e)

DPI	pMDI
0,8	57
1,6	142
0,6	54

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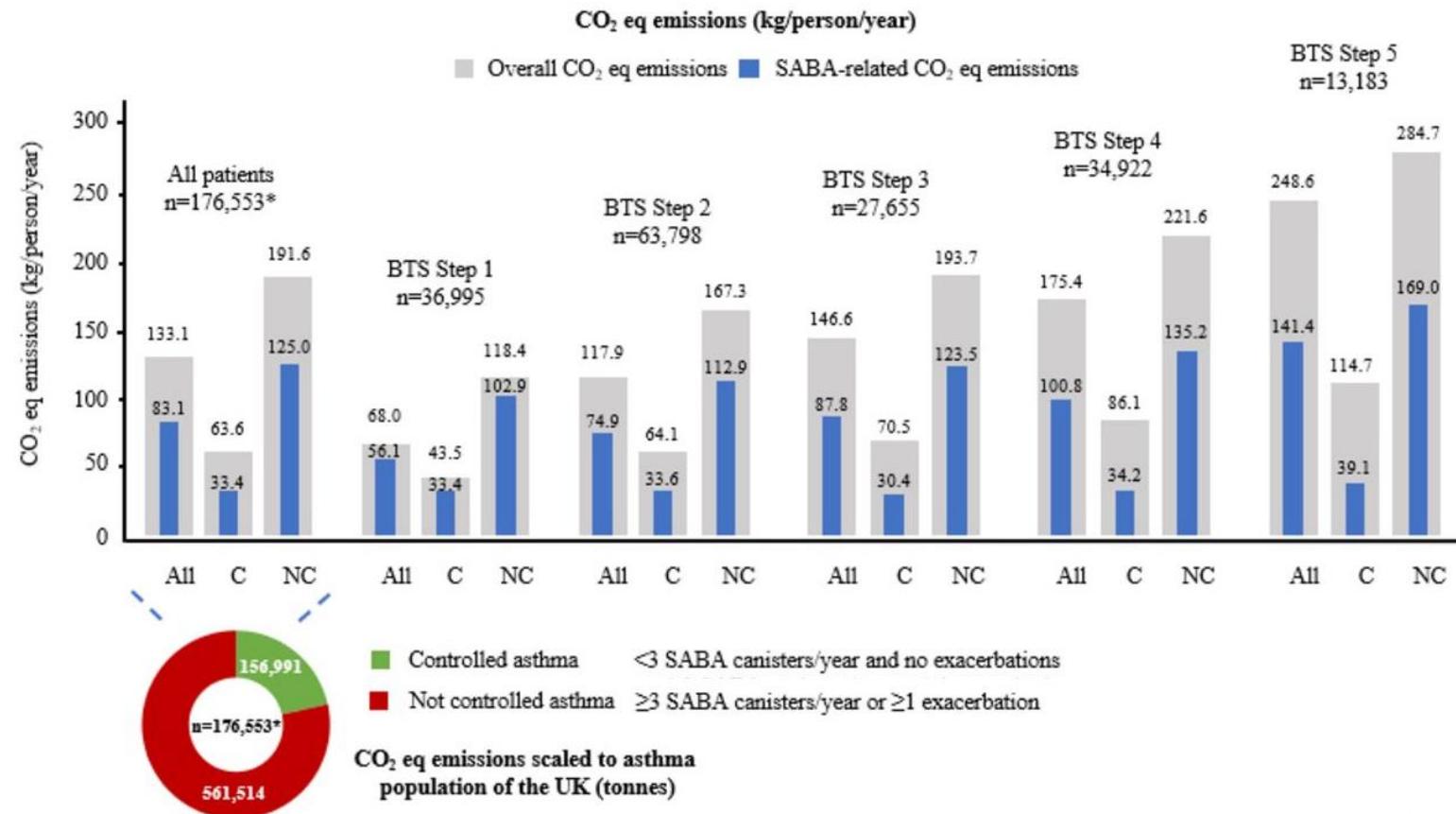
# Putting it all into perspective – the difference between using pMDI and DPI on individual level



# Carbon footprint of a day at hospital / intensive care

- 45 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e per day at acute care unit
- 88 – 178 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e per day at intensive care  
(for septic shock)

# Relation between asthma control and carbon footprint at different treatment steps



# Summary

- Huge difference in the carbon footprint between DPI (or SMI) and pMDI
  - Note that also as-needed SABA makes a big difference if taken from pMDI
- Worse asthma control associated to higher carbon footprint at every treatment step
- Main aim is the well-being of the patient
  - Exacerbations and hospitalizations are worse case scenarios for both the patient and the environment

