



IgG Levels and Wear Off Reflect  
Administration and Outcome

# ‘Wear-off’ of treatment effect towards the end of the dosing cycle

- Patients with primary immunodeficiencies have been treated with IVIG since the early 1980s
- Mechanisms of IVIG action reflect competition between therapeutic IgG and pathologic autoantibodies<sup>1</sup>
- Towards the end of the dosing cycle, patients with primary immunodeficiency are more susceptible to infection and their quality of life decreases<sup>2</sup>
- IVIG trough levels may be associated with wear-off effects

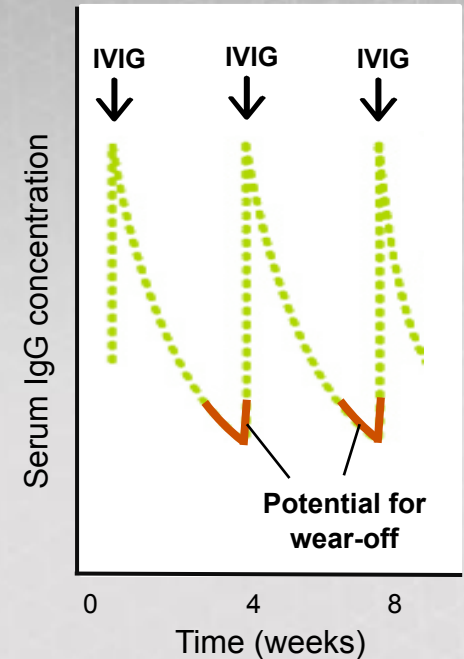


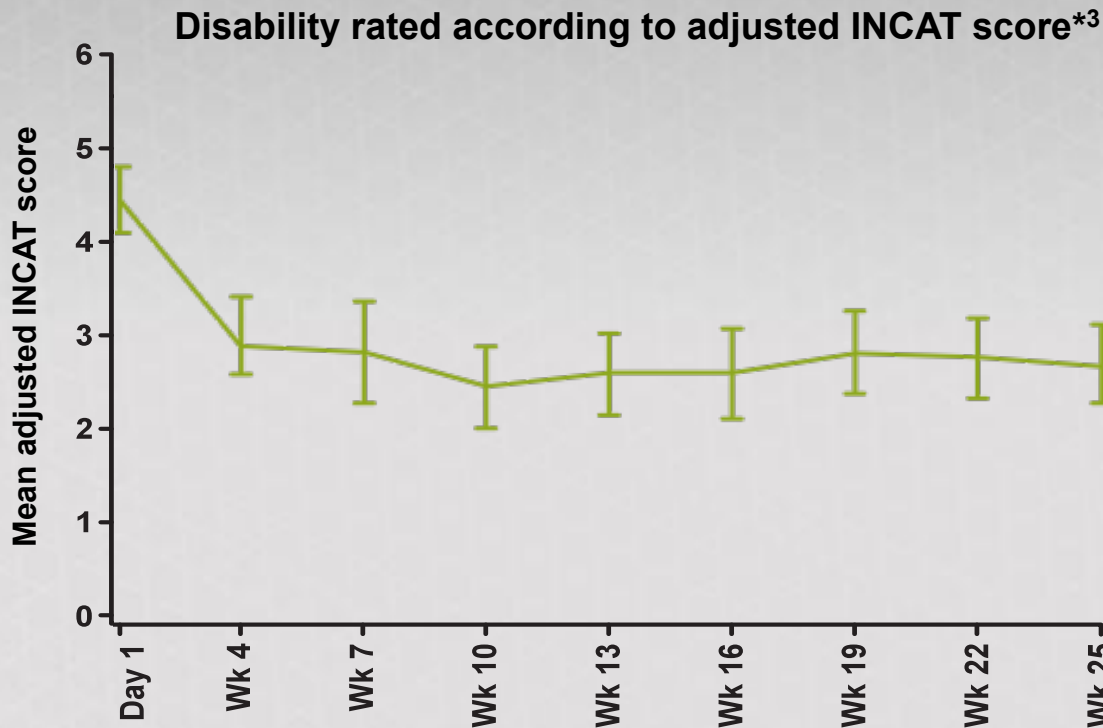
Illustration of potential wear-off occurrence in relation to IVIG dosing and IgG levels

**Wear-off:** “cyclic or periodic occurrence of clinical deterioration at an interval following an IVIG infusion”<sup>3</sup>

CIDP: chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy,, IgG: immunoglobulin G, IVIG: intravenous immunoglobulin, MMN: multifocal motor neuropathy

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# IVIg improves and maintains functionality in patients with CIDP<sup>1,2</sup>



- IVIG is FDA approved for CIDP and MMN<sup>†4</sup>
- IVIG is effective in improving and maintaining functionality in these patients<sup>3,5</sup>

\*Patients had previously received IVIG. Error bars represent the standard error of the mean

†Privigen, Gamunex and Gammaked are approved for CIDP, Gammagard Liquid is approved for MMN

CIDP: chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, FDA: US Food and Drug Administration, INCAT: inflammatory neuropathy cause and treatment, IVIG: intravenous immunoglobulin, MMN: multifocal motor neuropathy

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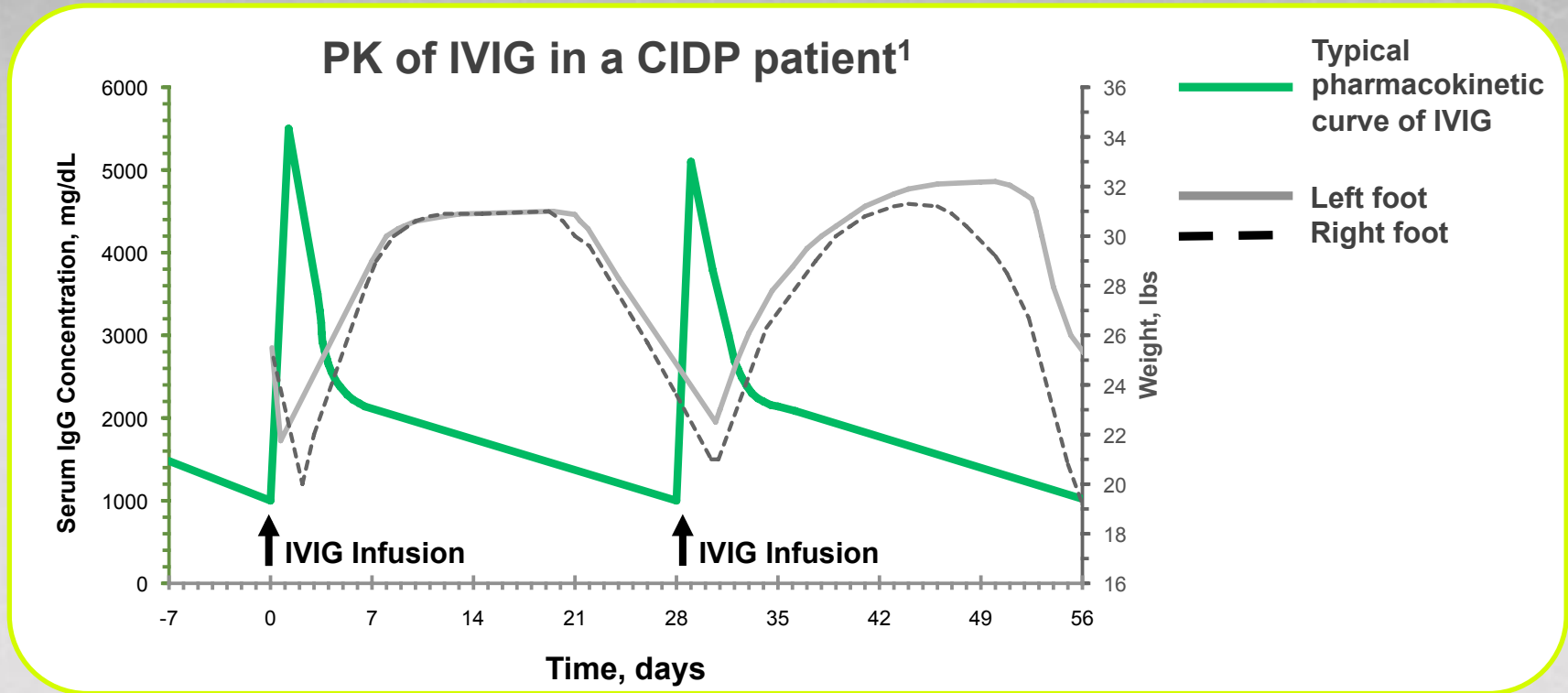
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# Close relationship between IgG dosing and patient response



A close relationship exists between the frequency of dosing and functional capability in some patients<sup>2</sup>

IgG: immunoglobulin G, IVIG: intravenous immunoglobulin, PK: Pharmacokinetics

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Figure “Cyclic response to IVIG from CIDP patient superimposed on typical pharmacokinetic curve of IVIG” by

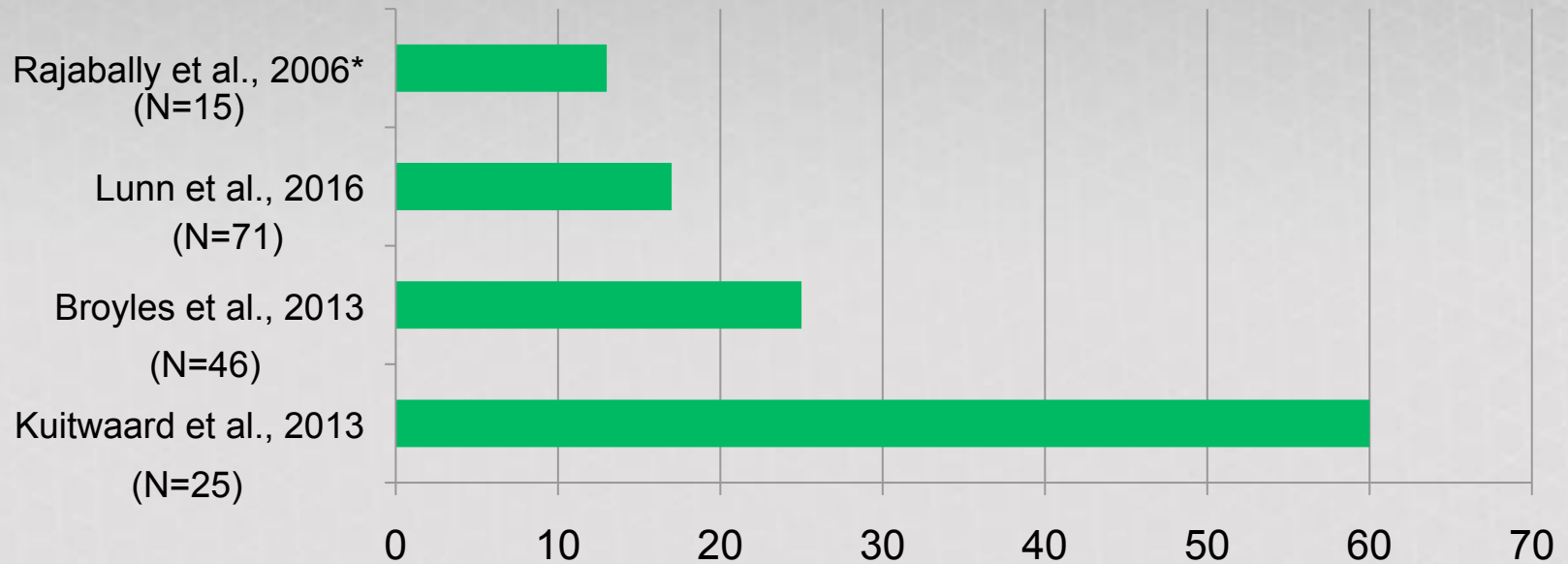
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# Individually optimized therapy may include more frequent dosing

Percentage of patients receiving IgG at intervals  $\leq 14$  days<sup>1</sup>

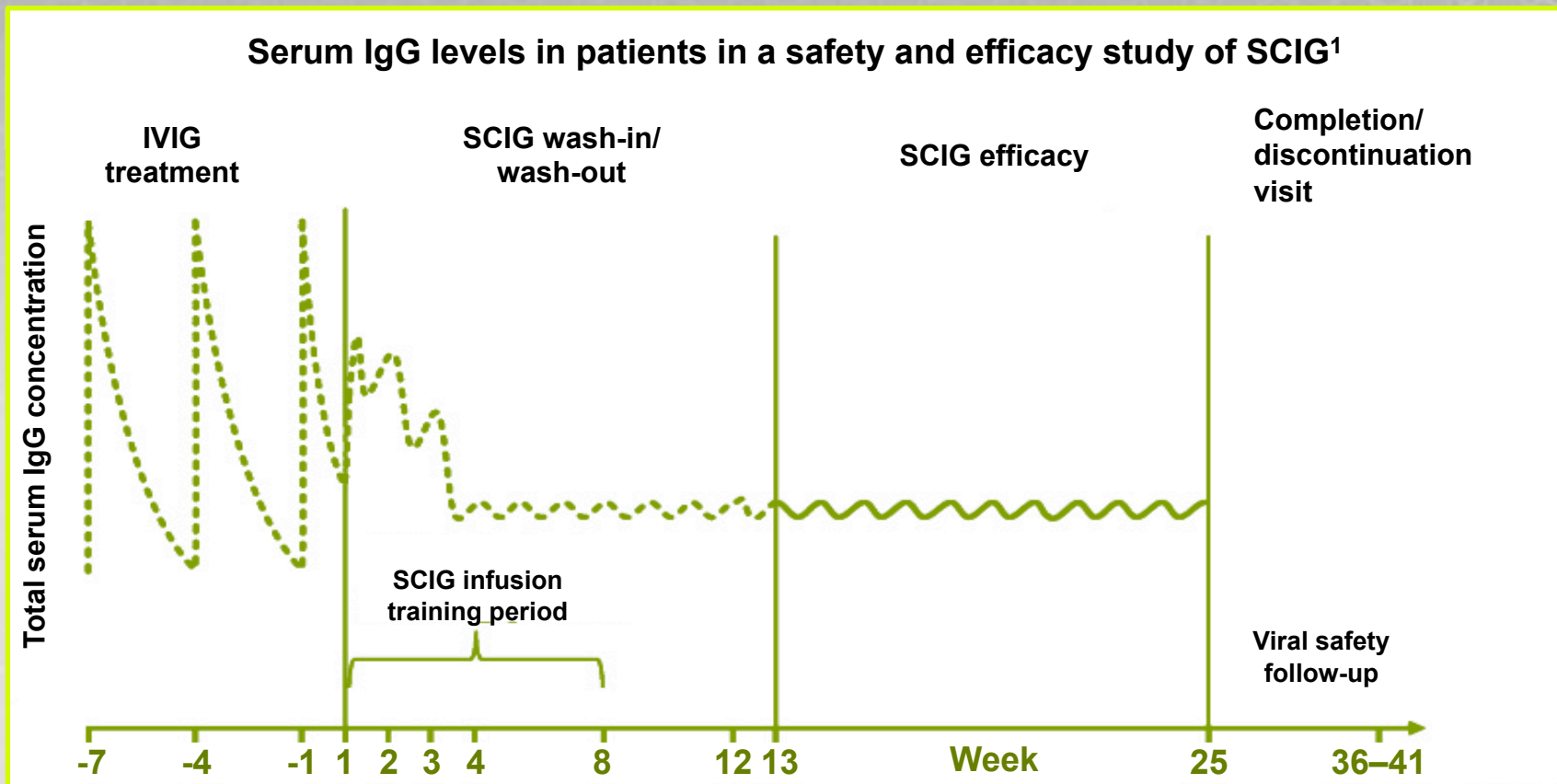


Patients who experience wear-off may do better when the IVIG dosing interval is less than the expected half-life of IgG<sup>1</sup>

\*Final or lowest dose per course  
IgG, immunoglobulin G

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# Serum IgG levels vary with administration route



It is possible to achieve near constant steady-state serum IgG levels with frequent SCIG administration<sup>2</sup>

IgG: immunoglobulin G, IVIG: intravenous immunoglobulin, SCIG: subcutaneous immunoglobulin

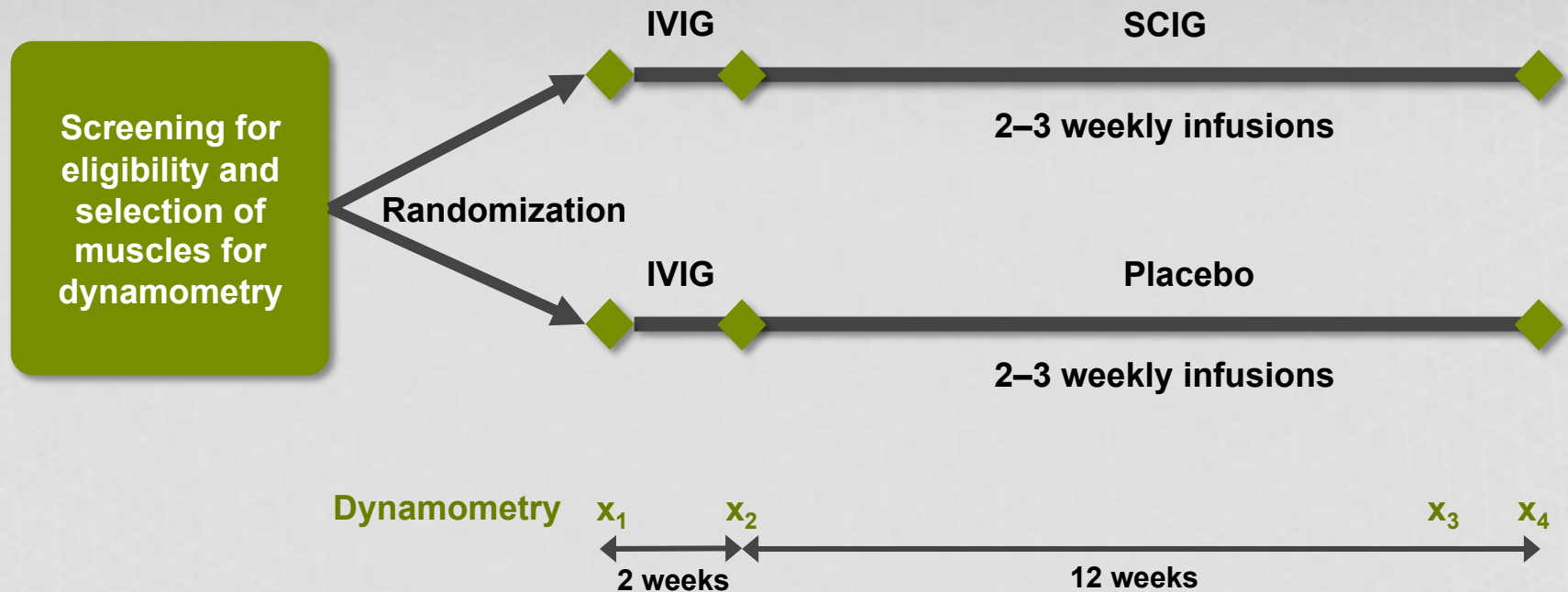
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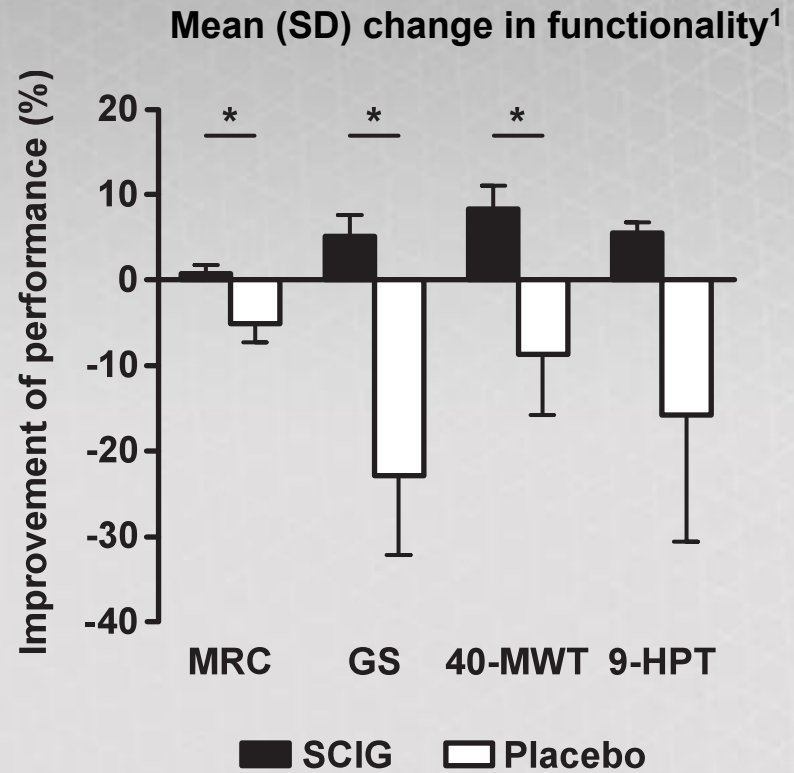
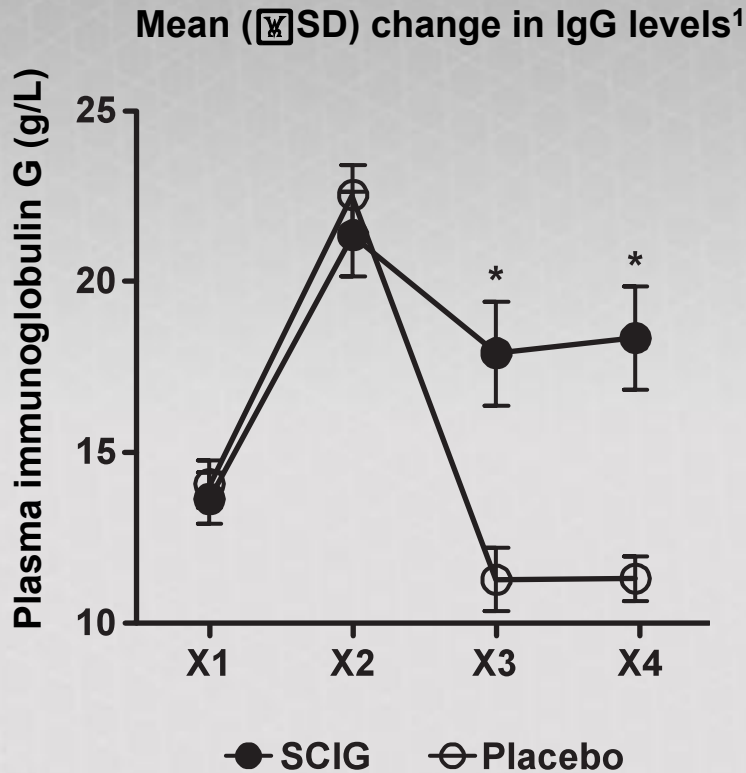
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# SCIG in patients with CIDP

- Randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled trial of the effect of SCIG on muscular performance in 30 patients with CIDP<sup>1,2</sup>



# SCIG in patients with CIDP



SCIG significantly increases plasma IgG levels and improves muscle strength, walking performance and disability score as compared with treatment with placebo<sup>1</sup>

40-MWT: 40-mwalking test, 9-HPT, nine-hole-peg test, CIDP: chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, GS: grip strength, IVIG: intravenous immunoglobulin, MRC: Medical Research Council score, SCIG: subcutaneous immunoglobulin

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# Summary

Mechanisms of IVIG action reflect competition between therapeutic IgG and pathologic autoantibodies<sup>1,2</sup>

Insufficient levels of therapeutic IgG just prior to repeat IVIG treatments may lead to wear-off and loss of peripheral nerve function<sup>1,2</sup>

Wear-off may be avoided by shortening the dosing interval or by switching from IVIG to SCIG<sup>1,2</sup>