

Health risks associated with abuse of androgenic anabolic steroids



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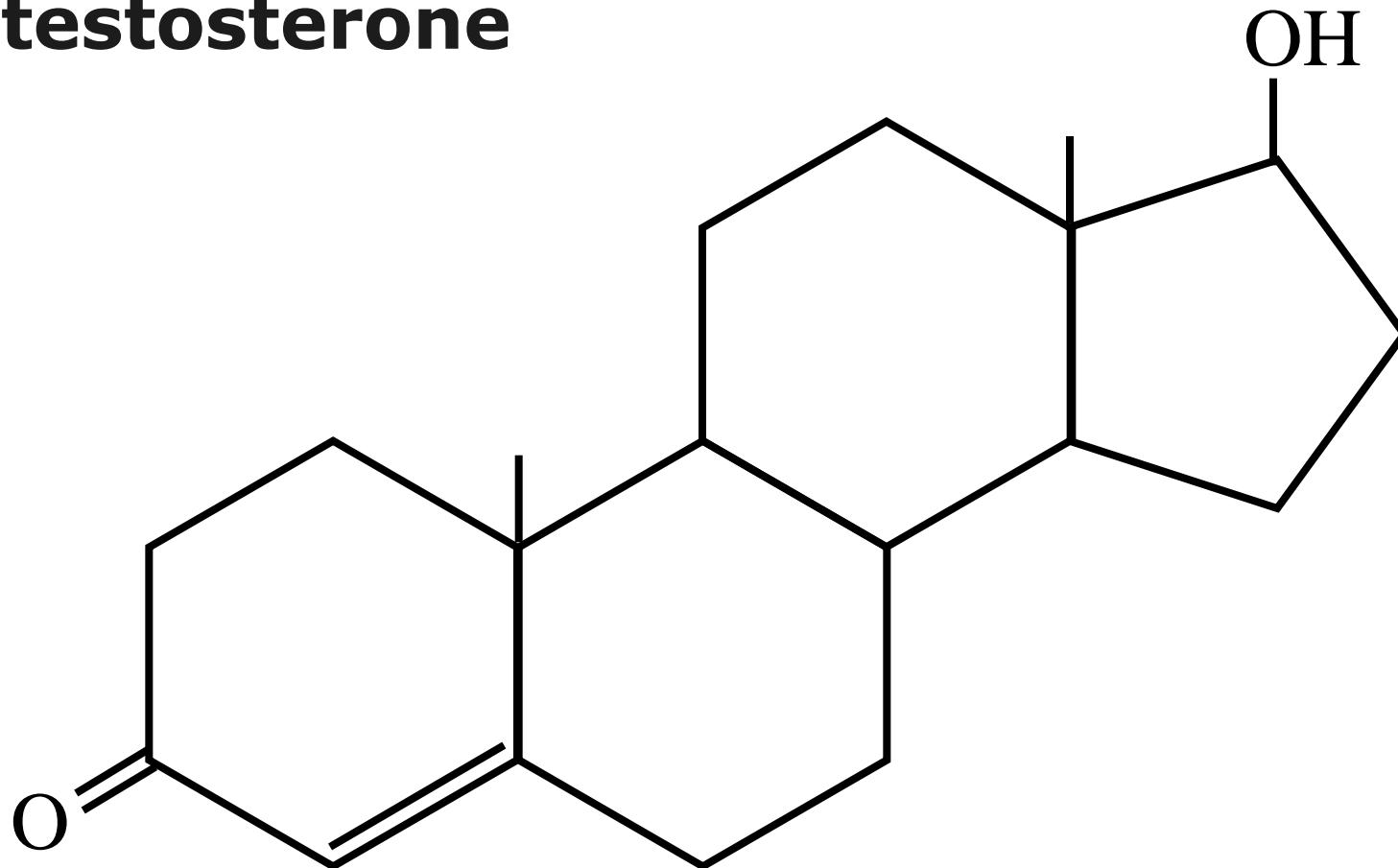
The Netherlands

- Introduction to AAS
- Possible side effects associated with abuse
- Results of the Dutch AAS clinic

Androgenic Anabolic Steroids

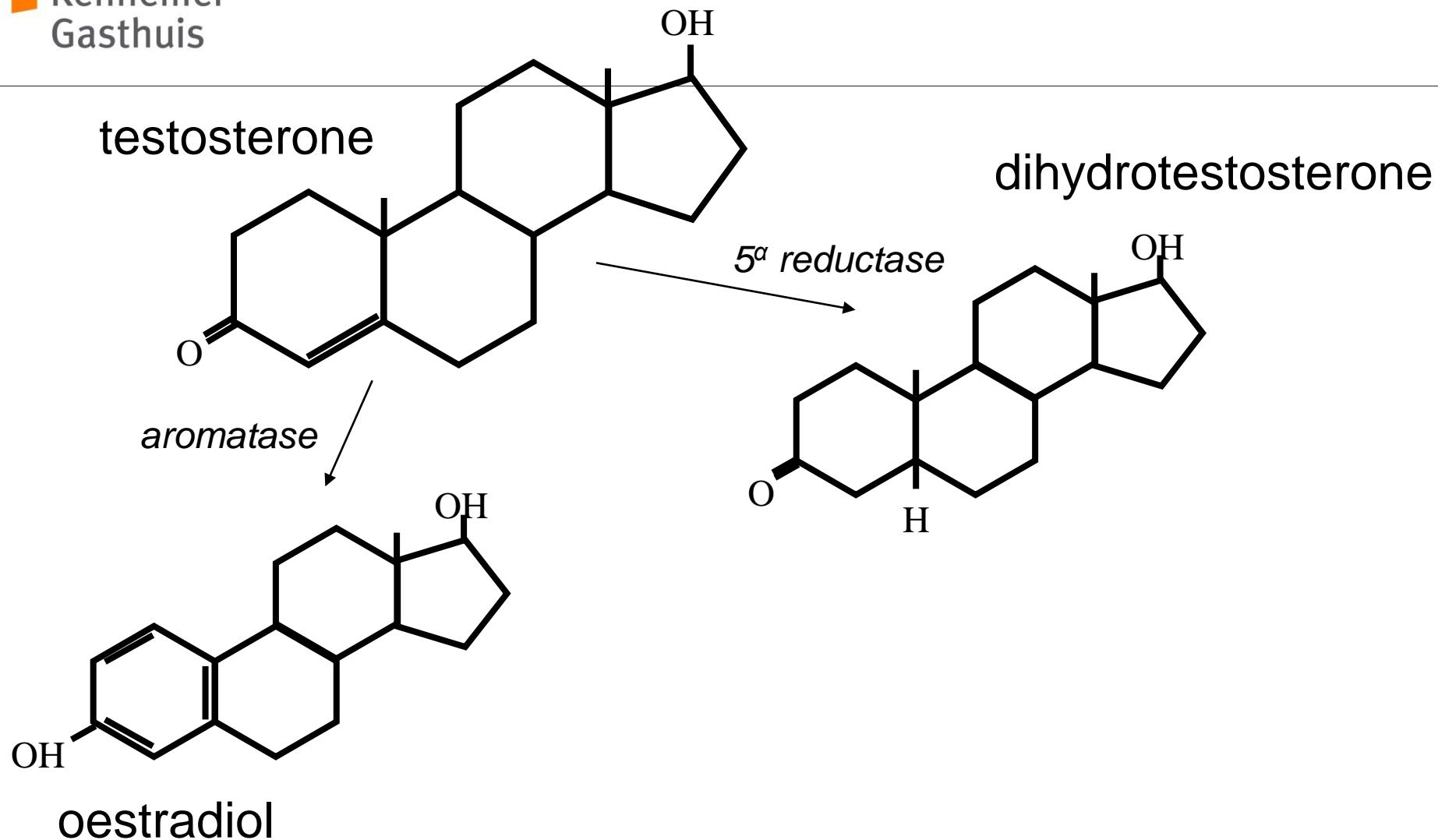
- Optimal bioavailability after oral or intramuscular administration
- “isolate” anabolic (=muscle building) and androgenic (=virilizing) effects

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•Removal of methyl group (nandrolone)

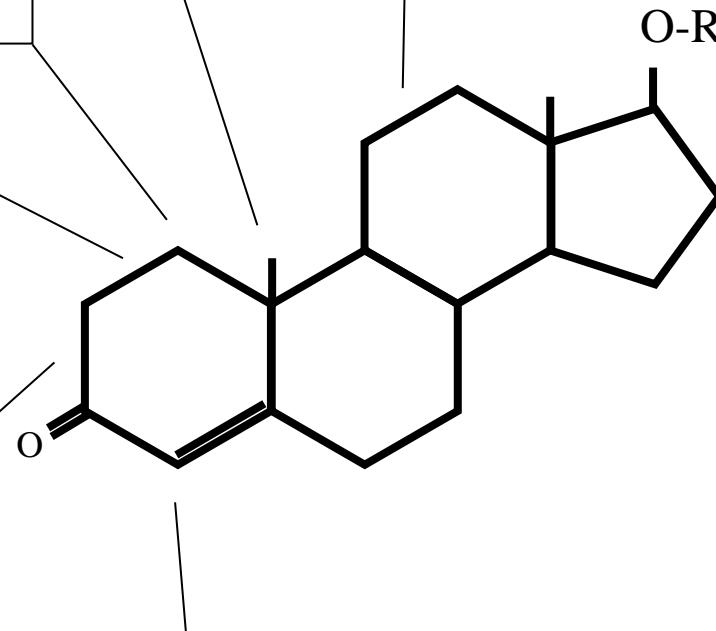
•Attachment methyl group
(methenolone)

•Induction of double bond (trenbolone)

•Induction of double bond
(boldenone)

•Attachment pyrazole ring
(stanozolole)

•Attachment chlorine group
(turinabole)



epidemiology

- 8% of regular visitors of fitnesscenters in the Netherlands
- 1% AAS
 - 20.000 – 30.000 users in the Netherlands

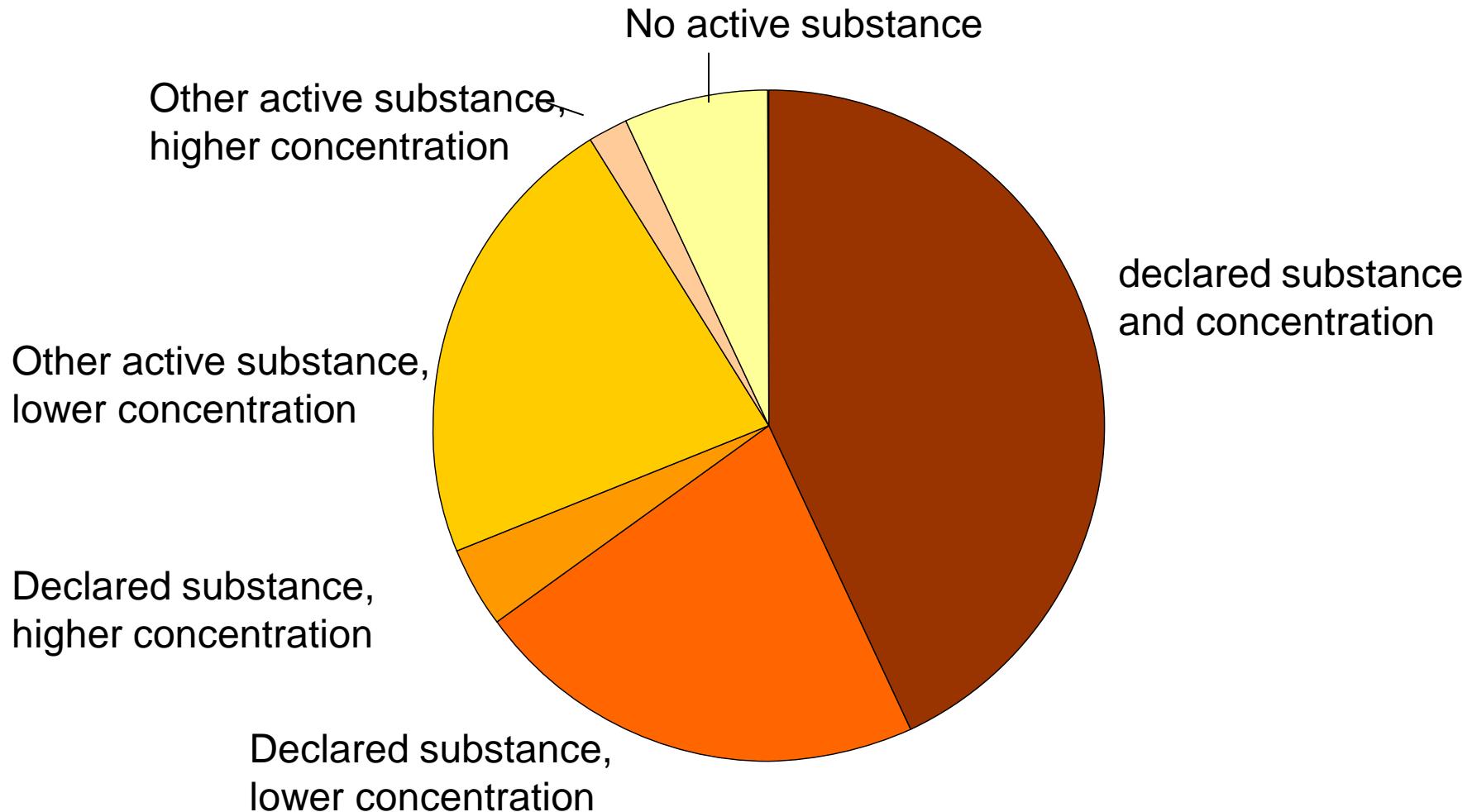
Dutch legislation

- manufacturing and distribution of AAS without a licence is prohibited
- Only testosterone and nandrolone are registered for medical use when prescribed by a doctor.

The market

- source: “friends and acquaintances”
- Internet
- manufacturing: eastern and southern Europe,,
Middle East, Asia

Quality



How it is used

- cycling
- stacking
- post-cycle treatment
- There is no scientific basis for stacking or PCT

Potential side effects

- Anabolic effects
- Androgenic effects
- Oestrogenic effects
- Miscellaneous

Potential side effects

- Anabolic effects
 - Fluid retention
 - Hypertension
 - Elevated haematocrit
 - Cardiomegaly
- Androgenic effects
- Oestrogenic effects
- Miscelanneous

Potential side effects

- Anabolic effects
- Androgenic effects
 - Acne
 - Increased body hair
 - Loss of scalp hair
 - Mood swings / agitation
 - libido
 - Low HDL
- Oestrogenic effects
- Miscellaneous

Potential side effects

- Anabolic effects
- Androgenic effects
- Oestrogenic effects
 - Breast tenderness / enlargement
 - Suppression testicular function
 - subfertility
 - Erectile dysfunction / low libido
- Miscellaneous

Potential side effects

- Anabolic effects
- Androgenic effects
- Oestrogenic effects
- Miscellaneous
 - Liver toxicity
 - Pain / abscesses at injection site
 - dependence

What is the problem?

- Abuse of AAS is potentially hazardous
 - High doses
 - Poor quality
- AAS abusers rarely consult healthcare professionals
- Abusers may conceal AAS abuse
- Abusers have low esteem for doctors concerning AAS

The anabolics outpatient clinic

- Started in 2010
- First and only specialized clinic in the Netherlands
- Integrated in the dept. of internal medicine
- Visits are fully reimbursed
- Mostly one or two visits
- If necessary additional visits

What do we do?

- Health checks in (former) users of AAS with health problems
- Consultation
- research

- We don't:
 - Prescribe AAS
 - Do regular health checks during abuse
 - Test drugs

Exploratory phase

- Sufficient exposure among AAS abusers
- 50- 100 subjects
- contact (key figures) in the target group
 - Which AAS are used
 - How are they used
 - What are the perceived health problems
 - What are the needs of the target group
 - Generate future research topics

Cooperation / advice

- Dutch anti-doping Authority
- Dutch Health Care Inspectorate (IGZ)
- National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM)

Mr A, age 39

- 192 cm / 132 kg
- “strong man” competitor
- Started AAS age 21
- On average 1 cycle (12 weeks) per year
- Last 3 years non-stop

“standard cycle”

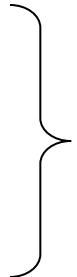
- TE 500-2000 mg per week / 12 wk +
 - Boldenone 500-600 mg per week / 12 wk +
 - Dianabol 50 mg per day / week 1-6
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- Last 3 years non-stop 500 mg TE per week



- ## Also
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- Stanozolole
 - Drostanolone
 - Oxymetholone
 - Oxandrolone
 - Clenbuterole
 - Growth hormone (2 IU daily)
 - Insulin (10EH daily)
 - Efedrine
 - T3 (20 microgram daily)



He recently stopped and started PCT

- hCG 500 IU daily
 - Tamoxifene 20 mg daily
 - Exemestane 25 mg daily
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- 7 weeks
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- Few complaints
 - Physical exam, urine- and bloodanalysis and EKG did not show any abnormalities.

Mr B, age 40

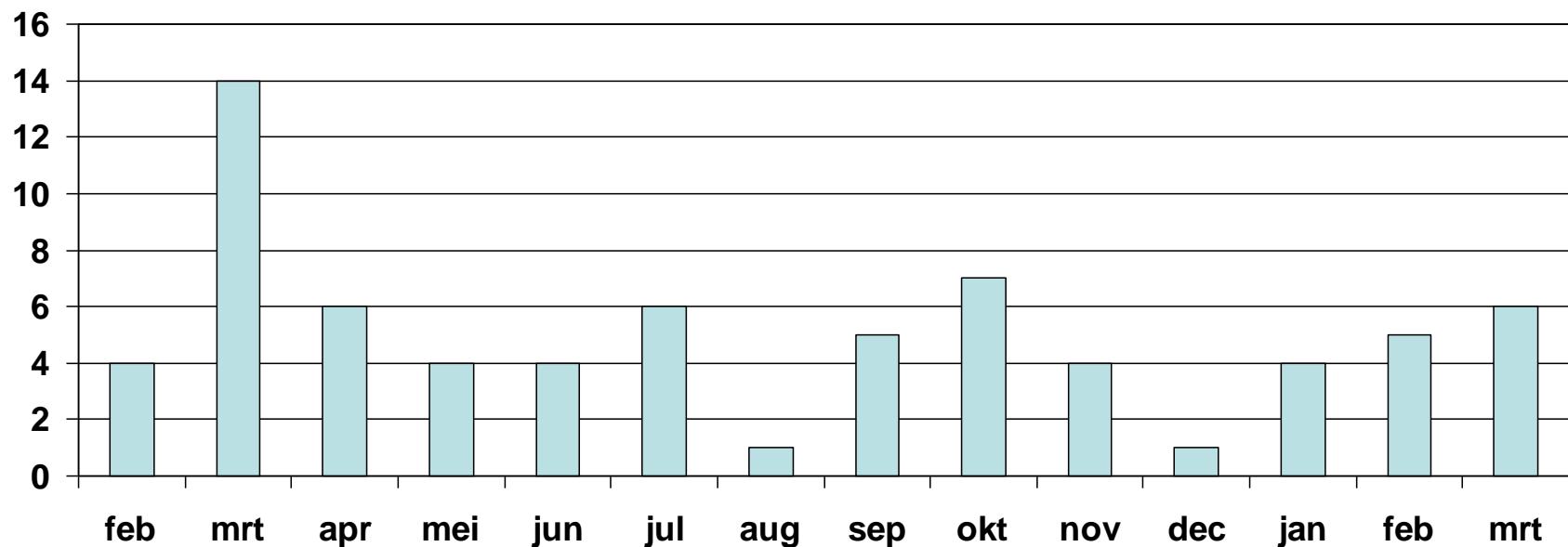
- Recently started 1^e cycle
 - Decadurabolin 250-500 mg / wk +
 - TE 200-400 mg / wk +
 - GH total 24 mg +
 - hCG 3 x per week 2000 IU +
 - Arofixen (exemestane 20 mg + tamoxifene 20 mg)
- 
- 8 wk

Mr B

- more confident, increased libido
- Later on: agitated, verbally aggressive, paranoid, checking his partner, fluctuating mood, panic attacks.
- Crisis intervention via GP and psychiatrist



Numbers (2010+11)





Characteristics of visitors (n=58)

• Male sex	100%
• BB and strength	100%
• age (mean + range)	36 (21-55)
• Age (first use)	24 (17-51)
• Number of cycles	15 (1-100)
• Cycle length (weken)	10 (4-16)
• Active users	19%
• Former users	41% (mean 35 mnths)

Reason to visit

- Fear of health damage 34%
- Low libido / ED 14%
- depression / fatigue 12%
- subfertility 7%
- Breast tenderness / enlargement 7%
- Muscle / joint pain 7%
- High blood pressure 3%
- Lung / heart problems 3%
- miscellaneous 12%



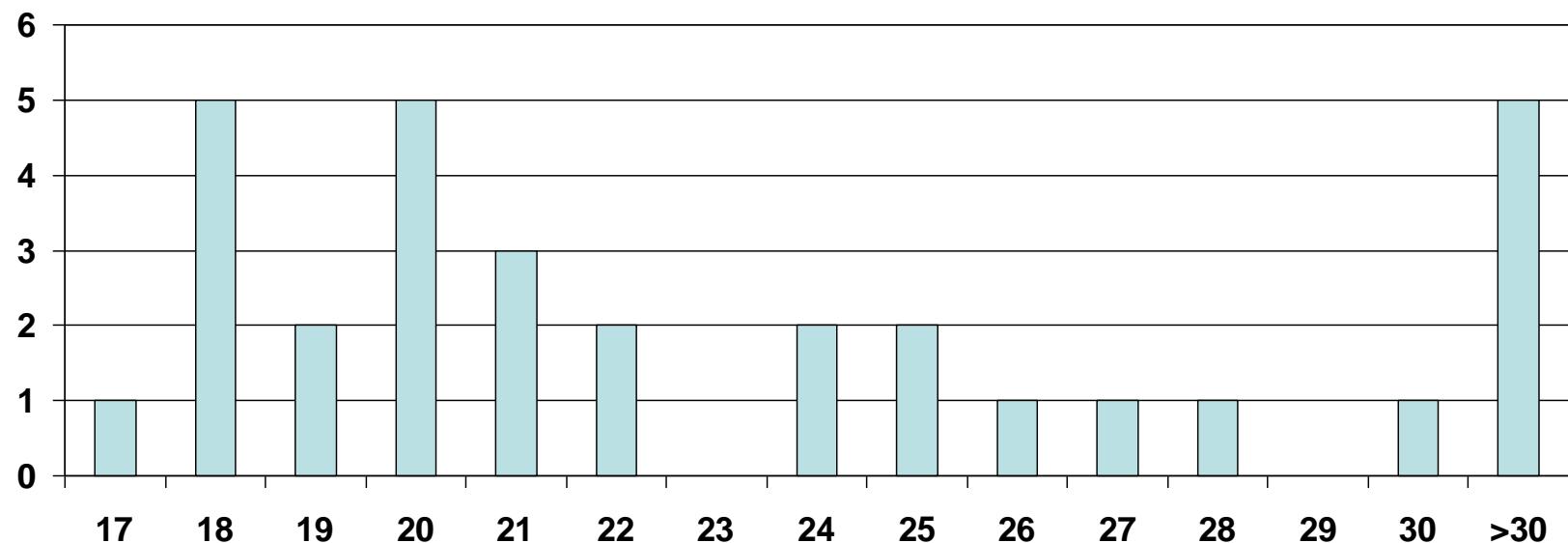
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origin

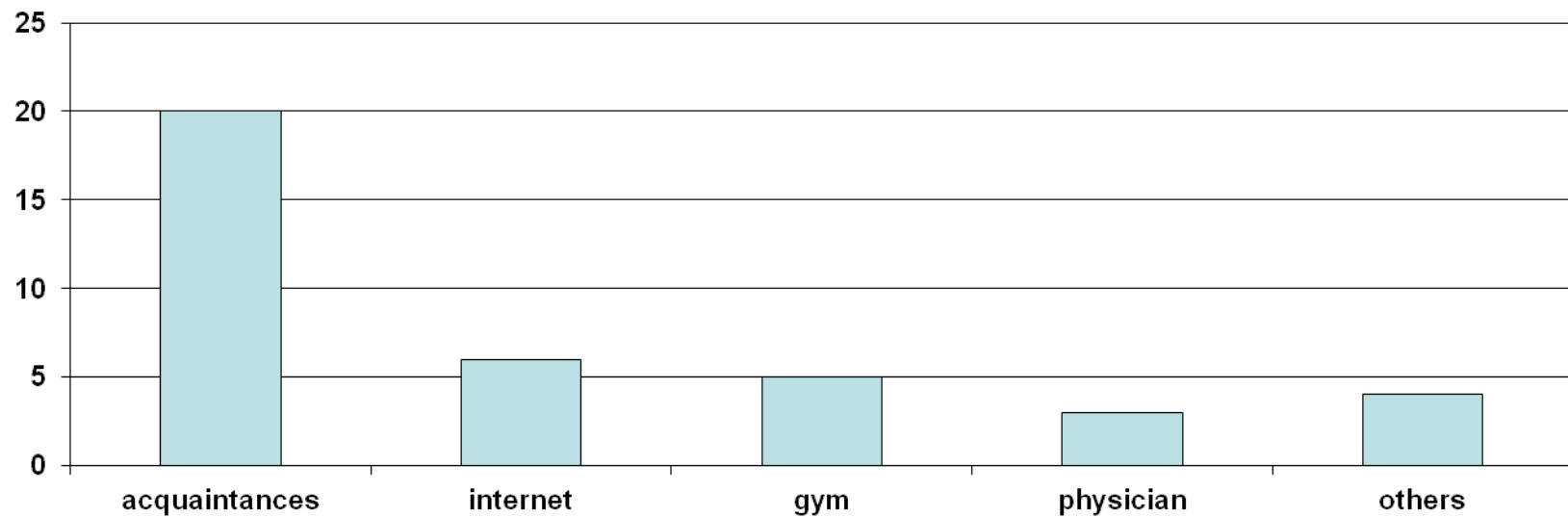




Age first use



Origin of substances



Drug abuse past 12 months

- 59% had used at least 1 substance in the past 12 months
- XTC 34%
- GHB 25%
- cannabis 25%
- Cocaine 13%
- Speed 6%
- Crystal meth 3%

AAS most abused

substance	%	Median dose (mg / week)	range (mg / week)
testosterone	66	500	200-1000
nandrolone (deca)	39	200	50-400
Trenbolone (finajet)	20	250	80-1800
Boldenone (equipoise)	17	800	400-1600
Metenolone (primobolan)	12	200	125-400
Stanozolole (winstrol)	12	125	100-400

“stacking”

- 40% combines 2 substances in 1 cycle
- 26% 3
- 3% 4

Other substances

substances	%
clenbuterole	41
Human Chorionoc Gonadotrophin	43
clomifene	38
tamoxifene	53
Growth hormone	22
Thyroid hormone	14



Self reported side effects

- **Increased libido (in cycle)** 91%
- **Fluid retention** 80%
- **Reduced testicular volume** 79%
- **Agitation** 61%
- **Striae** 57%
- **Depressed mood** 56%
- **Breast enlargement** 56%
- **Increased body hair** 51%
- **Low libido (off cycle)** 50%
- **Acne** 50%
- **dependence** 40%
- **Alopecia** 36%



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Abnormal lab tests

	%
Elevated hematocrit	9
Elevated liver enzymes	7-24
Reduced HDL cholesterol	21
Elevated LDL cholesterol	8
Low testosterone	22

Conclusions

- AAS are primarily used by male amateur strength athletes and body builders
- Most start in their early twenties.
- most obtain substances via friends
- Most users report (transient) side effects
- We have not documented acute life-threatening side effects
- Most users also use alcohol and drugs

Conclusions

- Post AAS hypogonadism appears to be prevalent
- Higher doses and longer duration of abuse may be risk factors
- PCT does not prevent post AAS hypogonadism
- We were unable to link specific substances to specific side effects
- Some persons appear to be particularly vulnerable to adverse effects of AAS

Future plans

- Study the adverse effects of AAS prospectively

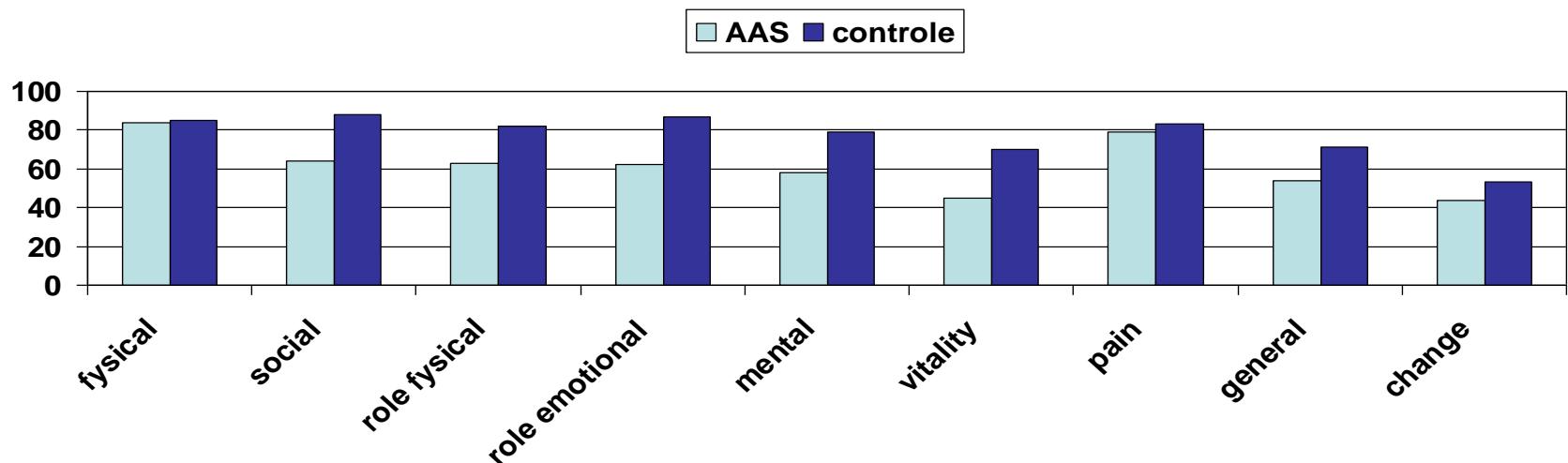


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Behoefte van de doelgroep

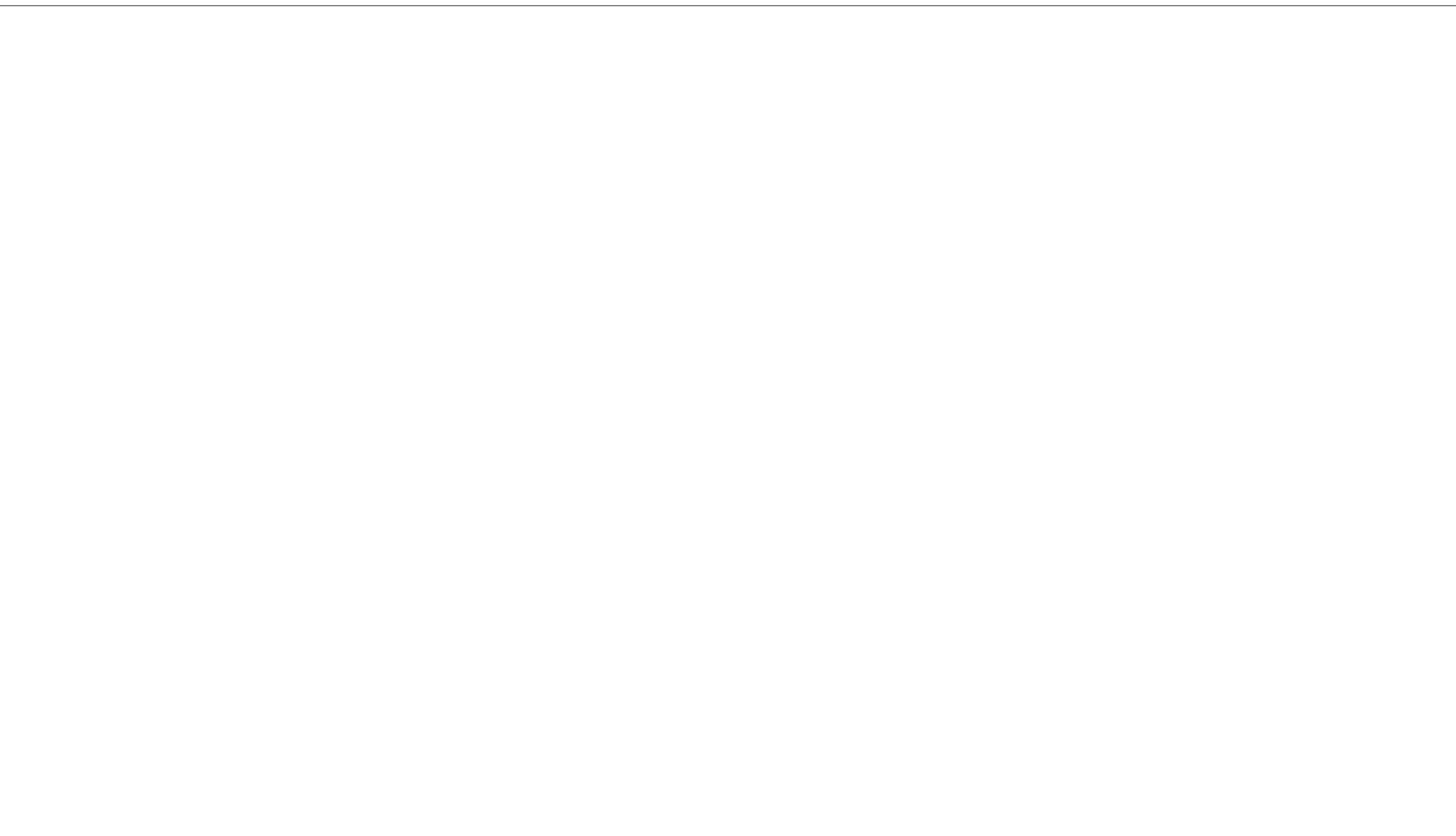
- Controle van de gebruikte middelen
- Betrouwbare informatie / adviezen
- Controle van de gezondheid
- Arts met verstand van zaken zonder waardeoordeel

Zorgen van de doelgroep

- Anonimiteit
- AAS gebruik wordt bekend bij verzekeraar
- Uitsluiting medische zorg in de toekomst

plannen

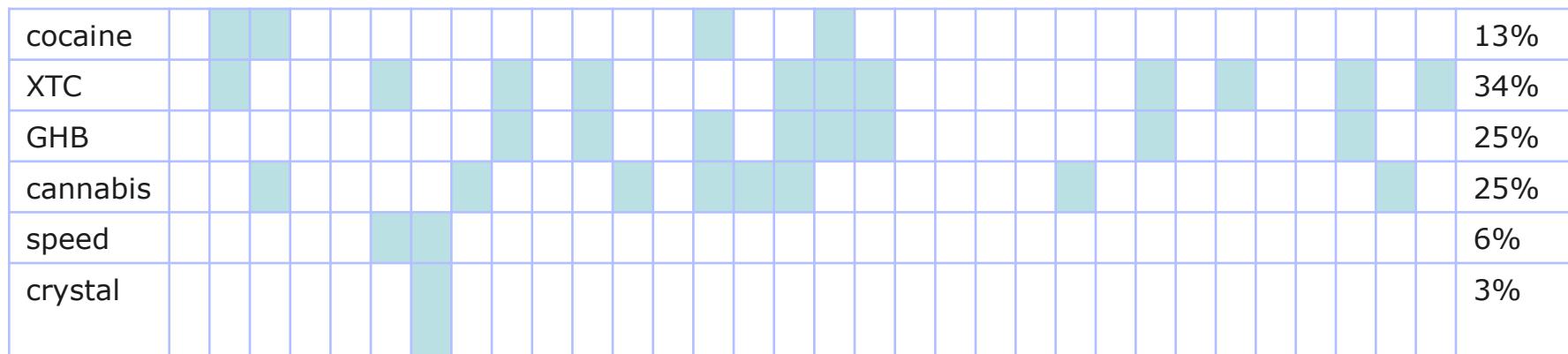
- Wetenschap
 - Inventarisatie kwaliteit gebruikte middelen
 - Bestuderen gezondheidseffecten op middellange termijn
 - Analyseren verslavingsaspecten
 - Analyseren lichaamsbeeld
- Symposium
- Verdere bundeling kennis en expertise





Substance abuse past 12 months

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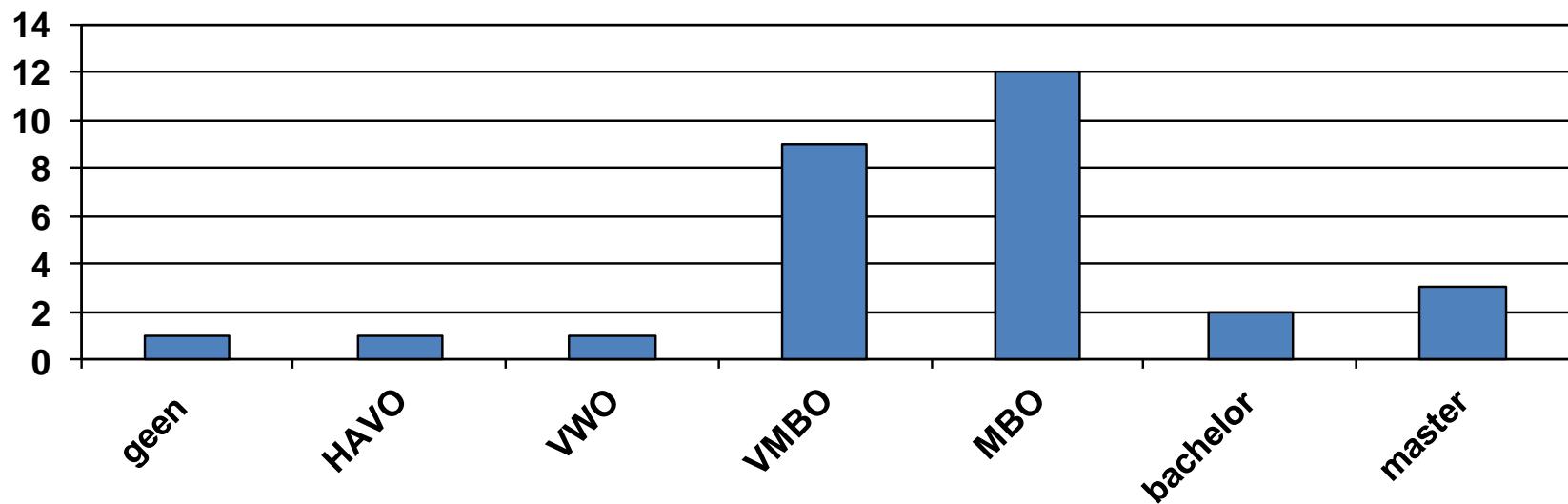




Abnormal lab tests

- **22% (n=7) of users that had stopped for at least 3 months had a testosterone level in the hypogonadal range ($T < 8 \text{ nmol/l}$; all hypogonadotrophic)**
- **Months after stopping AAS 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 13, 120**

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Mr B

- Agreement on violence and suicide
 - Start alprazolam
 - Contact GP
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- Eventually crisis intervention via GP and psychiatrist and start olanzapine

bijwerkingen

- Anabole effecten
- Androgene effecten
- Oestrogene effecten
- Overige

bijwerkingen

- Anabole effecten

- Vochtretentie
- Hypertensie
- Erectiele dysfunctie / libidoverlies
- Verhoogde hematocriet

- Androgene effecten

- Oestrogene effecten

- Overige

bijwerkingen

- Anabole effecten
- Androgene effecten
 - Acne
 - Toegenomen lichaamsbeharing
 - Kaalheid
 - Stemmingwisselingen / agressie
 - Toename libido
 - Infertiliteit
 - Laag HDL
- Oestrogene effecten
- Overige

bijwerkingen

- Anabole effecten
- Androgene effecten
- Oestrogene effecten
 - Gynaecomastie
 - Infertiliteit
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bijwerkingen

- Anabole effecten
- Androgene effecten
- Oestrogene effecten
- Overige
 - Leverfunctiestoornissen
 - Spuitinfiltraten / abcessen
 - Afhankelijkheid



Man die eigen gezin gijzelde voorlopig vrij

ASSEN/COEVORDEN - De man die in juli vorig jaar in Coevorden zijn vrouw met een mes stak en zijn gezin gijzelde, is in afwachting van zijn proces op vrije voeten gesteld. Ex-marinier Marcel T. (41) moet zich wel houden aan strenge voorwaarden.

Zo mag T., die naast poging tot moord en gijzeling ook wordt verdacht van mishandeling en het overtreden van een huisverbod, de gemeente Coevorden niet in, mag hij geen contact zoeken met zijn (inmiddels) ex-vrouw en kinderen en moet hij zich onder toezicht van psychiatrische begeleiders in Assen stellen.

T. is volgens zijn advocaat voorlopig op vrije voeten gesteld omdat hij sinds juli vorig jaar enorm is veranderd. Het Openbaar Ministerie in Assen is tegen het besluit, omdat het vindt dat de feiten waarvan T. wordt verdacht te ernstig zijn. Een woordvoerder meldde vrijdag dat het OM in hoger beroep gaat tegen de beslissing van de rechtmakende.

De gemeente Coevorden heeft de buurt waar de gijzeling gebeurde

huisverbod gekregen, nadat hij zijn vrouw had mishandeld. De Coevordenaar gebruikte tot zijn aanhouding anabolen steroïden. Een deskundige van het VU Medisch Centrum in Amsterdam onderzoekt in opdracht van T.'s advocaat Alrik de Haas of die van invloed waren op zijn gedrag.



Kuur (cut cycle)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	1 4	1 5
Test P	10 0														
stanozolol	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50							
trenbolon	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75							
Nolvadex										20	20	20	20		

Bekijk eerste ongelezen post

Topic opties ▾

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krieltje

Op trt 96Kg 1.65m

DBB Elite Member



Locatie: Nederland

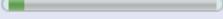
Leeftijd: 44

Geslacht: M

Posts: 10.391

Stats: - - -

Karma:

**Anabolen poli vrije universiteit amsterdam**

Zo vandaag mijn afspraak bij de endocrinoloog van de anabolen poli VU

Goed ikzelf heb een aantal maanden geleden een punt achter een langlopende kuur, van ongeveer 1,5 jaar gezet. DMV power PCT geprobeert de boel op te starten.

1-14 2500iu HCG eod

1-30 100mg clomid

1-45 20mg Tamoxifen pd

Testikels werden aardig groter, maar het libido en het "gevoel van welbehagen" bleef uit. Libido was werkelijk een drama.

Aantal weken geleden opnieuw gestart, om uit de cirkel te geraken.

Cyclus is 90-100mg Test Enanthate 2x 250iu HCG en toen beetje voorhande zijnde HMG, 75iu pw.

Na een week (eerst gestart met 2 injects Omnadren 100mg) kikte alles weer aardig terug, zelfs erg goed, libido was weer ruim aanwezig, pomp, kracht etc, ging allemaal top.

Probleem bleef de atrofie. Testikels zijn klein, en nu libido fors omhoog gaat, gaat dit niet beter worden alleen slechter.

Vandaag het hele verhaal verteld, en gevraagd wat ik hieraan kan doen.

Volgens Dr de Ronde:

De hypofise verzorgd 2 stoffen, LH en FSH

Als je 10% van de complete testikel neemt, dan is alleen dat kleine stukje verantwoordelijk voor de responsie op de LH, in dit geval de mimic van HCG.

Velen onder ons incl mijn persoontje, denken dat HCG dus de grote vd testikels zal beïnvloeden.... dit is maar een zeer klein deel waar.



Kuur

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sustanon	25 0														
Deca	20 0														
Dianabol	30	30	30	30											
Nolvadex													20	20	20



‘Gewone jongens’ bezoeken anabolenpoli

NOS journaal

RTL nieuws

1 Vandaag

BVN TV

Radio 1 journaal (2x)

Radio 1 (de praktijk)

BNR nieuwsradio

Radio 5

Radio FunX

Radio wereldomroep Nederlands Dagblad

Parool

Trouw

Volkskrant wetenschapsbijlage

Spits

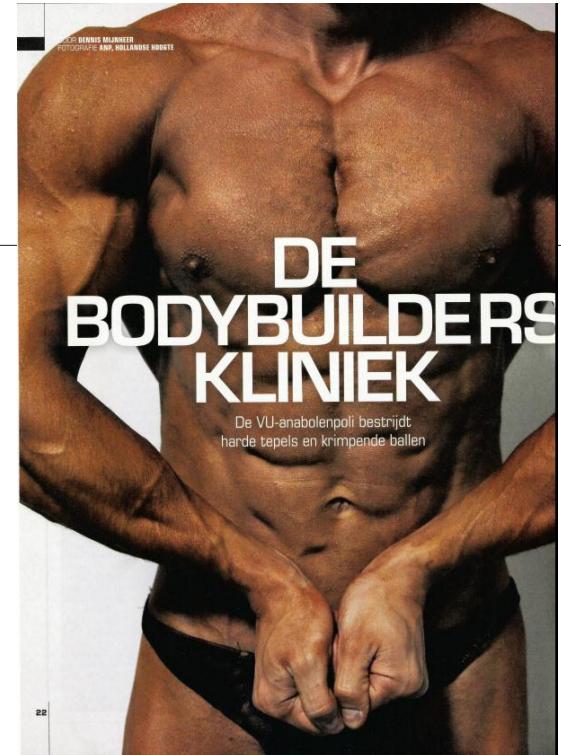
NoordHollands dagblad

Nieuwe Revu

STAND VAN ZAKEN

Anabole androgene steroïden bij amateursporters in Nederland

Jorn Woerdeman, Olivier de Hon, Marcel Levi en W. (Pim) de Ronde

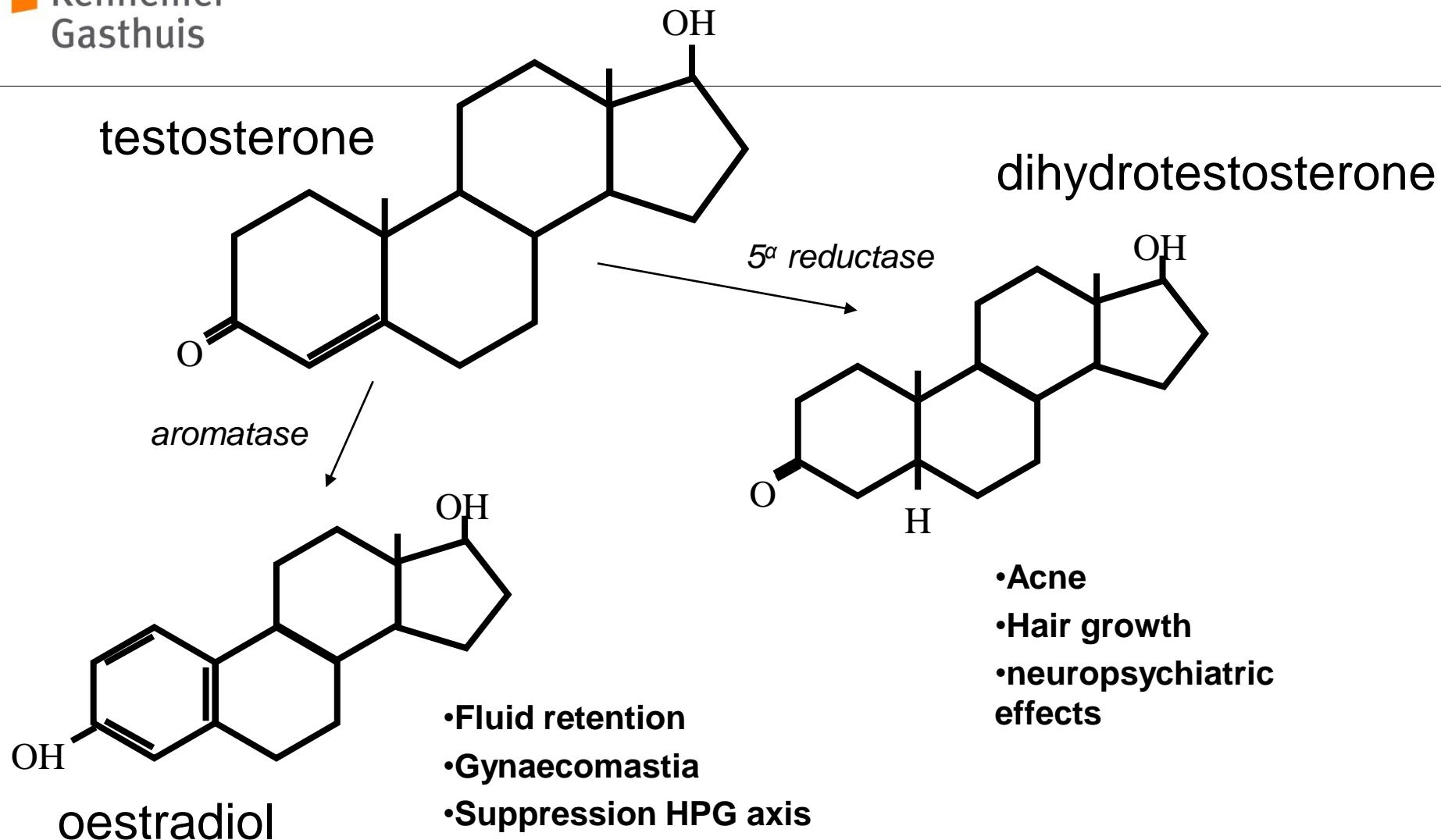


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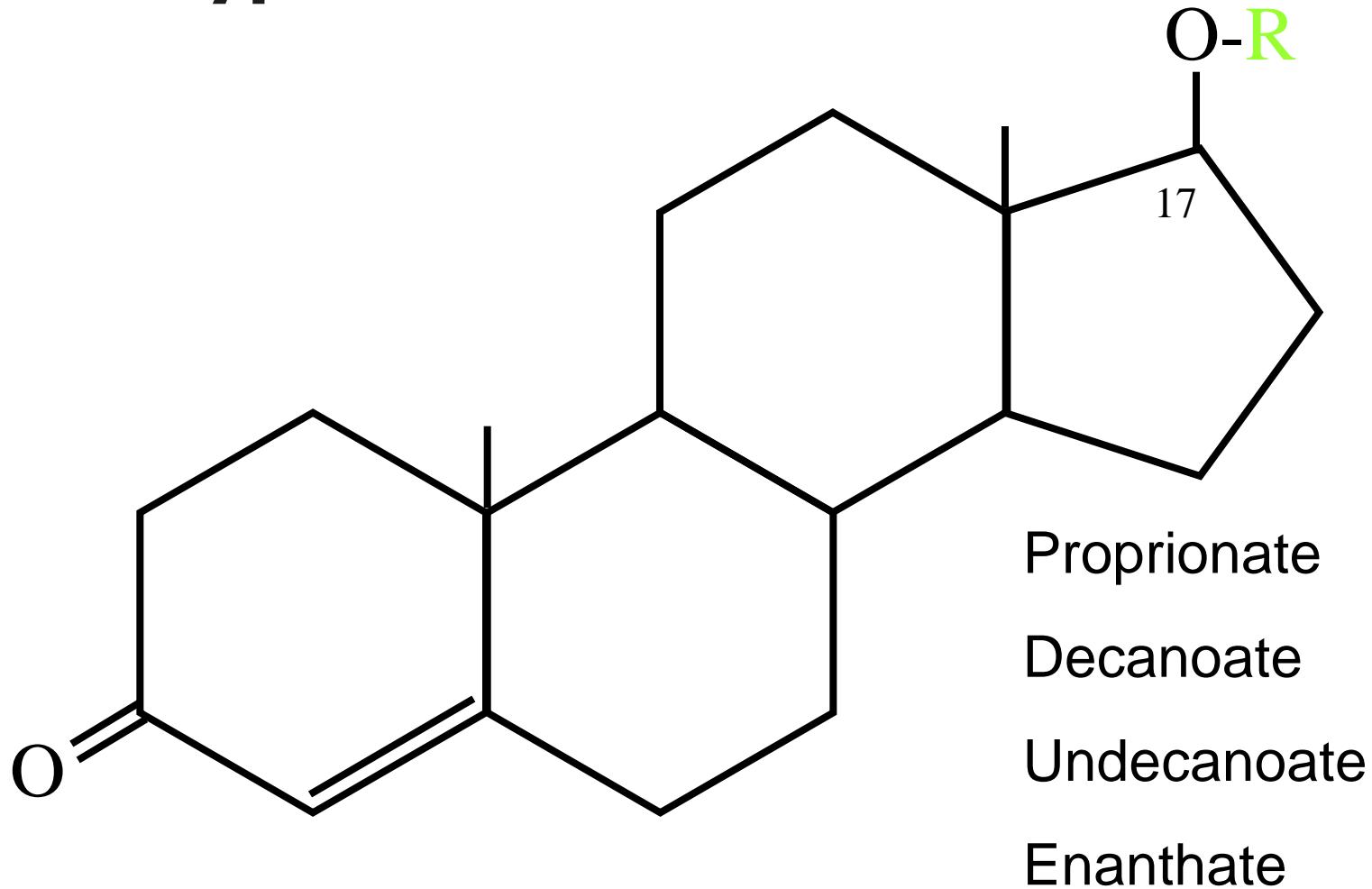
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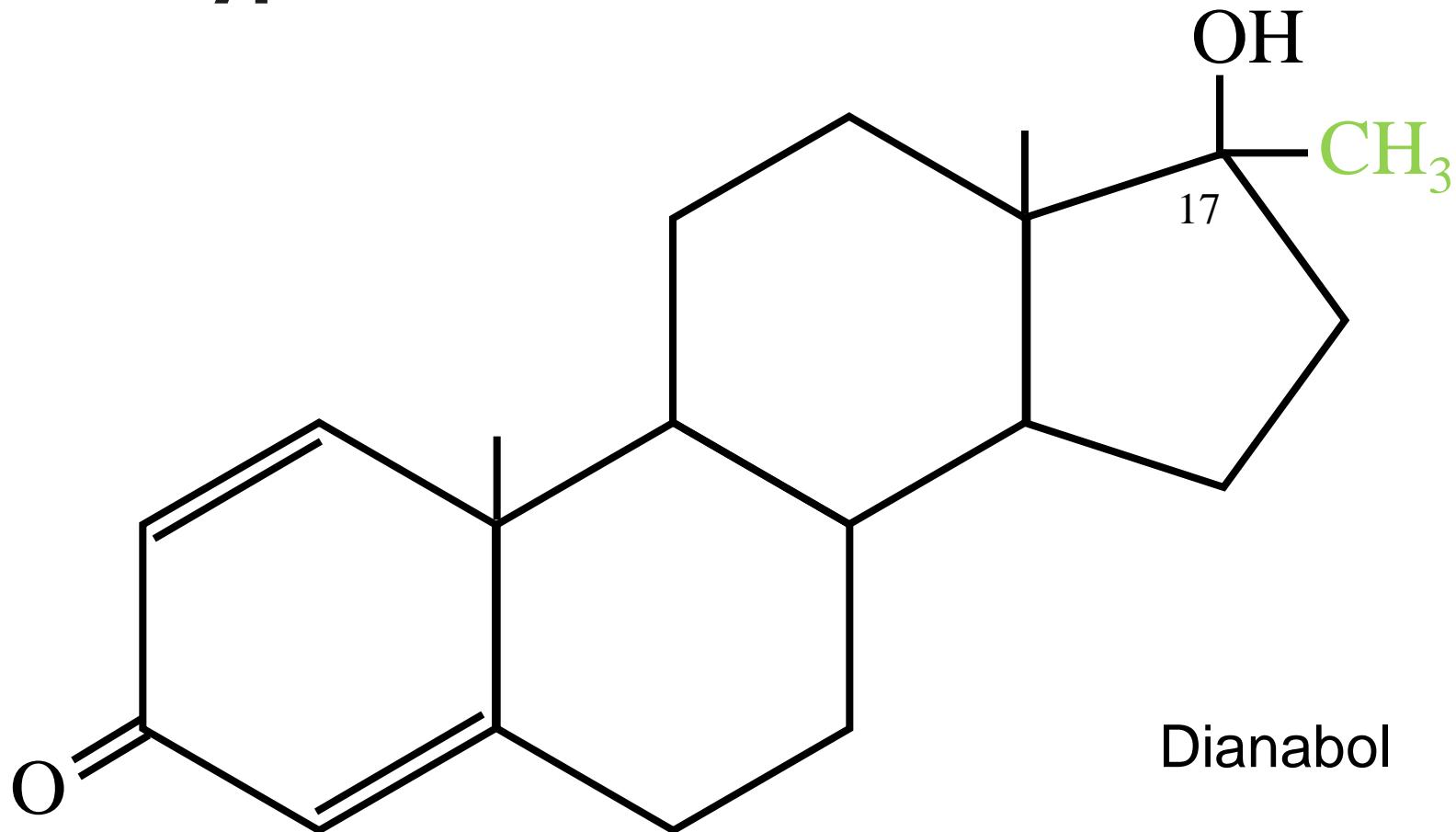
Androgenic Anabolic Steroids

- Adequate bioavailability after oral or intramuscular administration
 - 17 α alkylation
 - 17 β esterification
- “isolate” anabolic and androgenic effects
 - preventing metabolism via 5 α reductase or aromatase

Type A deriva^{tes}



Type B derivates





What is the problem?

Table 1 Ratings of doctors by anabolic-androgenic steroid users and non-users.

How much do you trust the knowledge and advice of doctors on ... ^a	AAS Users (n = 43)	Non-users (n = 37)	Estimated mean difference (SE) ^b	P value
Health and disease in general?	7.0 (2.0)	7.4 (1.5)	-0.49 (0.44)	0.27
Cigarette smoking?	8.4 (1.5)	8.2 (1.7)	0.07 (0.38)	0.85
Drinking alcohol?	8.1 (1.7)	8.1 (1.6)	-0.23 (0.40)	0.57
'Street drugs' such as marijuana, cocaine, etc.?	6.9 (2.6)	7.4 (2.0)	-0.54 (0.57)	0.35
Fitness in general?	5.9 (2.7)	6.6 (2.4)	-0.62 (0.59)	0.29
Weight-lifting and body-building?	4.9 (3.1)	5.6 (2.6)	-0.61 (0.68)	0.37
Nutritional supplements?	4.3 (3.0)	5.6 (2.9)	-1.23 (0.69)	0.081
Anabolic steroids?	4.8 (3.0)	6.3 (2.8)	-1.44 (0.71)	0.047

^aRatings on a 10-point scale from 0 ('extremely poor') to 10 ('extremely good').^bMean score of users minus non-users, by linear regression adjusted for age, ethnicity, state and education (see text).



What is the problem?

Table 3 AAS users' ratings of sources of information on AAS.

How much would you trust each of the following sources of information about steroids? ^a	Mean (SD) (n = 43)	Difference versus rating of doctors ^b	
		Mean (95% CI)	P value
Friends at the gym	4.6 (2.6)	-0.7 (-1.7, 0.3)	0.17
The person(s) who sold you the steroids	4.5 (2.8)	-0.8 (-1.9, 0.3)	0.18
'Underground' guides or similar publications	5.7 (2.4)	0.4 (-0.6, 1.4)	0.48
Body-building sites or similar sites on the Internet	5.1 (2.3)	-0.2 (-1.1, 0.7)	0.68
Your personal doctor or other doctors that you have seen	5.3 (2.6)	-	-
Information written by physicians or other health professionals in magazines	6.3 (1.9)	0.9 (0.3, 1.6)	0.003
Information in posters or advertisements warning about the dangers of steroids	4.2 (2.8)	-1.1 (-1.7, -0.4)	0.001

^aRatings on a 10-point scale from 0 ('extremely unreliable') to 10 ('extremely reliable'). ^bSubjects' level of trust in a given source of information regarding AAS minus the subjects' level of trust in information from physicians.



C.REACT PR	MG/L	<2.5	
HB	MMOL/L	9.1	
Ht	.	0.43	
THROMBO'S	x10 9/L	218	
ERY'S	x10 12/L	5.2	
MCV	fL	82	
MCH	AMOL/CEL	1738	
MCHC	MMOL/L	21	
LEUCO'S	x10 9/L	4.3	
EOabs	x10 9/L	0.11	
BASOabs	x10 9/L	0.01	
NEUTROabs	x10 9/L	1.50	
LYMFOabs	x10 9/L	2.32	
MONOabs	x10 9/L	0.34	
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NATRIUM	MMOL/L	142	
KALIUM	MMOL/L	3.8	
CALCIUM	MMOL/L	2.23	
ALB.CHEM	G/L	40	
KREAT enz.	uMOL/L	93	
eGFR(MDRD)	ml/min/1.73m ²	79	
BILIRUBINE	uMOL/L	6	
ALK.FOSF.	U/L	57	
Y-GT	U/L	88	
ASAT(=GOT)	U/L	53	
ALAT(=GPT)	U/L	87	
LD (=LDH)	U/L	200	
CK	U/L	1110	
CHOLESTER.	MMOL/L	5.5	
HDL-chol	MMOL/L	1.00	
LDL (ber.)	MMOL/L	3.5	
TRIGLYC.	MMOL/L	2.1	
HbA1c	%	6.0	
HbA1c	MMOL/MOL	42	
tPsA	uG/L	0.6	
endocrinologie			
LH	U/L	4.0	
FSH	U/L	3.1	
Estradiol	PMOL/L	82	
TESTOST.	NMOL/L	11.0	
SHBG	NMOL/L	52	
TSH	mU/L	2.3	
VRIJ-T4	PMOL/L	13.3	

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hematologie/hemo...

HB	MMOL/L	10.7
Ht	.	0.51
THROMBO'S	x10 9/L	281
ERY'S	x10 12/L	5.6
MCV	FL	91
MCH	AMOL/CEL	1905
MCHC	MMOL/L	21
LEUCO'S	x10 9/L	11.1

chemie/immunoch...

Natrium	MMOL/L	142
Kalium	MMOL/L	4.0
CALCIUM	MMOL/L	2.36
GLUCOSE	MMOL/L	4.5
KREAT enz.	µMOL/L	103
eGFR(MDRD)	ml/min/1.73m ²	69
UREUM	MMOL/L	4.7
Y-GT	U/L	45
ASAT(=GOT)	U/L	39
ALAT(=GPT)	U/L	34
LD (=LDH)	U/L	209
CK	U/L	589
CHOLESTER.	MMOL/L	5.0
HDL-chol	MMOL/L	0.80
LDL (ber.)	MMOL/L	3.2
TRIGLYC.	MMOL/L	2.0

endocrinologie

LH	U/L	<0.3
FSH	U/L	<0.5
Estradiol	PMOL/L	87
TESTOST.	NMOL/L	24.0
SHBG	NMOL/L	26
IGF-1	NMOL/L	38.0
TSH	mU/L	1.7
VRIJ-T4	PMOL/L	17.2



Mr C age 48

- Using AAS ages 24-30 and 39-40
- Mostly 10 wk on and off
 - Primabolan 50 mg (orally) +
 - Testosterone 250-500 mg / wk +
 - Deca durabolin 250 mg / wk of
 - Trenbolone 200 mg / wk
 - Stanazolole orally and depot
- PCT using hCG
- Erectile dysfunction and low libido



hematologie/hemo...

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MCV	fL		90
MCH	AMOL/CEL		1868
MCHC	MMOL/L		21
LEUCO'S	x10 9/L		8.0
EOabs	x10 9/L		0.06
BASOabs	x10 9/L		0.04
NEUTROabs	x10 9/L		5.07
LYMFOabs	x10 9/L		2.22
MONOabs	x10 9/L		0.60

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NATRIUM	MMOL/L		144
KALIUM	MMOL/L		4.0
CALCIUM	MMOL/L		2.32
GLUCOSE	MMOL/L		5.4
ALB.CHEM	G/L		43
KREAT enz.	µMOL/L		105
eGFR(MDRD)	ml/min/1.73m ²		66
UREUM	MMOL/L		6.4
BILIRUBINE	µMOL/L		9
ALK.FOSF.	U/L		71
Y-GT	U/L		18
ASAT(=GOT)	U/L		29
ALAT(=GPT)	U/L		26
LD (=LDH)	U/L		186
AMYLASE	U/L		43
CHOLESTER.	MMOL/L		3.9
HDL-chol	MMOL/L		0.96
LDL (ber.)	MMOL/L		2.5
TRIGLYC.	MMOL/L		1.0
HbA1c	%		5.4
HbA1c	MMOL/MOL		36
tPsA	µG/L		0.7

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LH	U/L		2.8
FSH	U/L		4.0
PROLACTINE	U/L		0.09
Estradiol	PMOL/L		68
TESTOST.	NMOL/L		6.9
SHBG	NMOL/L		15
TSH	mU/L		1.5
VRIJ-T4	PMOL/L		13.3