

Table 2: Number of patients receiving each studied medication according to the step of treatment

During the long follow-up ME was controlled in 65/142 patients (45.8%) using only 2 steps of treatment, 77/142 (54.2%) needed 3 and more steps of treatment.

During the long follow-up ME was controlled in 87/142 patients (61.3%) using only 3 steps of treatment, 55/142 (38.7%) needed 4 and more steps of treatment.

Treatment steps	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Systemic GCS	111	7	14	7	3	0	0	142
Ocular injected GCS	12	10	7	7	1	1	0	38
Antimetabolites	7	40	13	9	3	1	0	73
Anti-TNF	0	9	10	1	6	2	0	28
Ciclosporin	2	19	14	4	2	0	0	41
IVIg	4	10	1	1	0	0	0	16
Interferon	6	9	16	18	3	1	0	53
Tocilizumab	0	1	1	8	3	2	4	19
Total	142	105	77	55	21	8	4	

Abbreviations: GCS = glucocorticosteroids. Ocular injected GCS consisted in long acting dexamethasone implant; TNF = tumor necrosis factor; IVIg = intravenous immunoglobulins.