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Title: Does rituximab improve clinical outcomes of patients with thyroid-associated ophthalmopathy? A systematic review and meta-analysis

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I applaud the authors for an extensive literature review and meta analysis of the relevant Rituximab studies to date. This work will promote the use of biologics, Rituximab, Tocilizumab, etc., for the treatment of TED. Comfort with the use of these biologics for severe disease will allow use, in time, of these and other biologics early in the course of the disease, before the debilitating signs and symptoms of TED ever develop.

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