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# ***Le discopathie active***

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# Global, regional, and national incidence, prevalence, and years lived with disability for 354 diseases and injuries for 195 countries and territories, 1990–2017: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2017



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# L'approche anglosaxonne!

## CLINICAL GUIDELINES

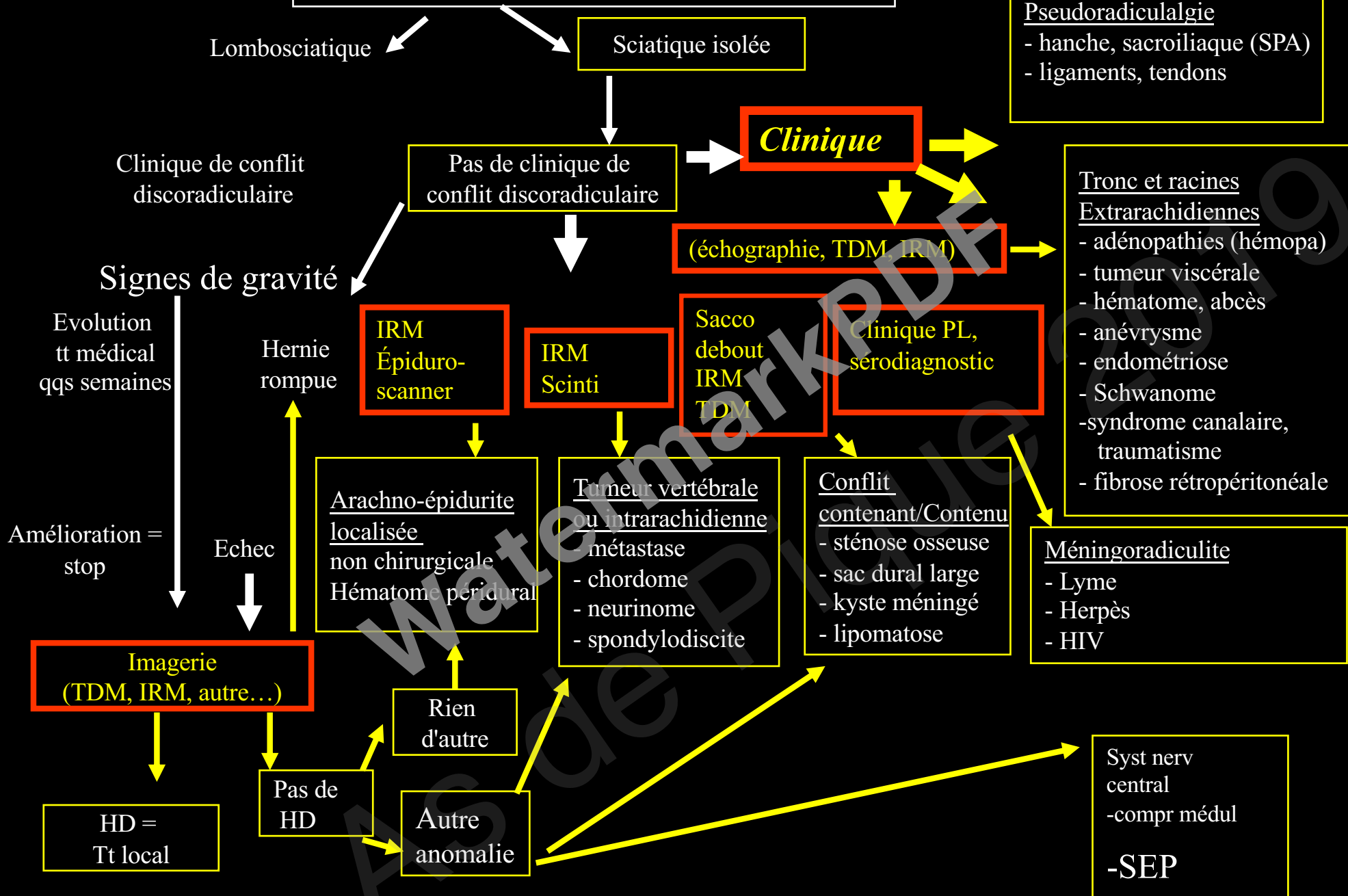
### Diagnosis and Treatment of Low Back Pain: A Joint Clinical Practice Guideline from the American College of Physicians and the American Pain Society

Roger Chou, MD; Amir Qaseem, MD, PhD, MHA; Vincenza Snow, MD; Donald Casey, MD, MPH, MBA; J. Thomas Cross Jr., MD, MPH; Paul Shekelle, MD, PhD; and Douglas K. Owens, MD, MS, for the Clinical Efficacy Assessment Subcommittee of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Physicians/American Pain Society Low Back Pain Guidelines Panel\*

**Recommendation 1:** Clinicians should conduct a focused history and physical examination to help place patients with low back pain into 1 of 3 broad categories: nonspecific low back pain, back pain potentially associated with radiculopathy or spinal stenosis, or back pain potentially associated with another specific spinal cause. The history should include assessment of psychosocial risk factors, which predict risk for chronic disabling back pain (strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence).

**Non specific low back pain!!!  
La porte ouverte au truco pathe!!!**

# SCIATALGIE ORIENTATION DES EXAMENS



**L'approche Française!**

# Phénotypage des patients par la lésion

- Instabilité segmentaire, syndrome jonctionnel
- CLE, CLR
- Discopathie active
- Scoliose et troubles statiques du rachis, insuffisance musculaire
- Discopathie isolée du sujet jeune, discolyse rapide
- Syndrome articulaire postérieur

**Sinon....**

**Ces patients ont les critères  
d'inclusion de la plupart des études  
d'EBM sur le réentraînement à  
l'effort, le traitement phare des  
patients étiquetés « non specific  
low back pain »!**

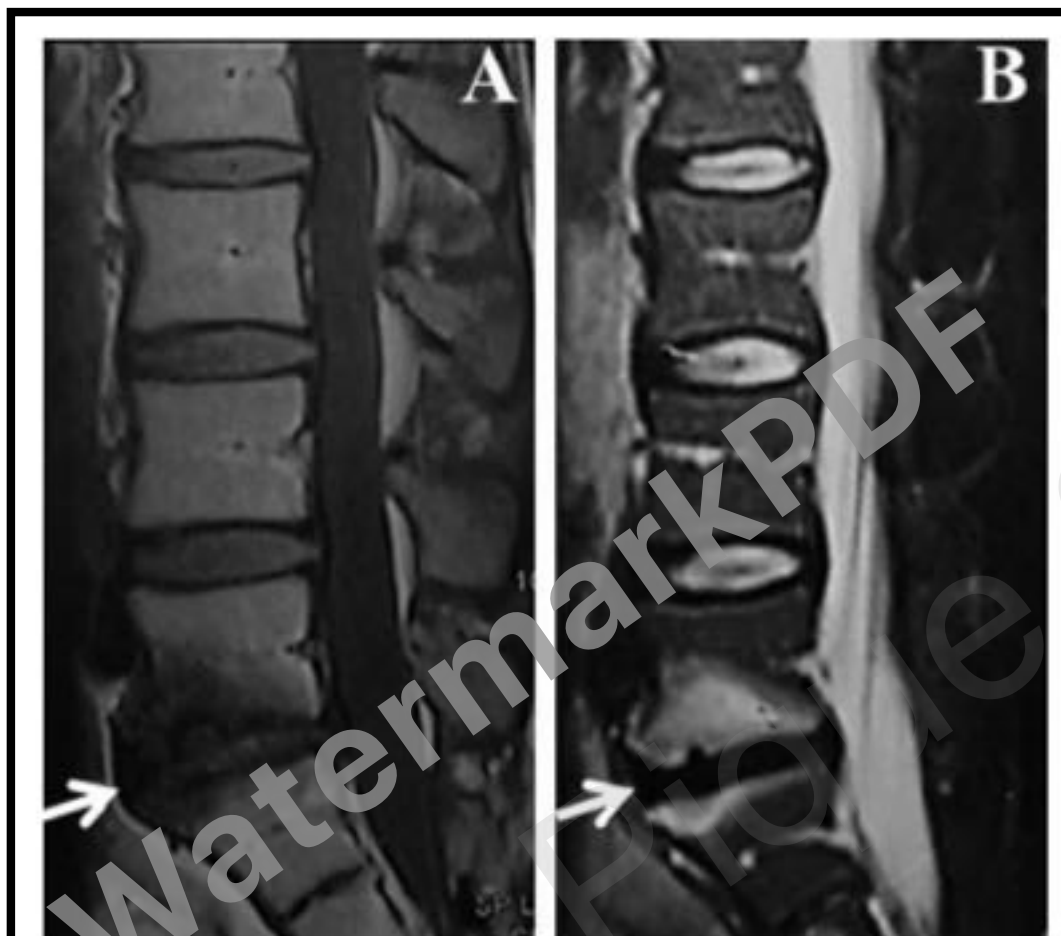
**Fameux traitement découlant du  
fameux modèle biopsychosocial!**



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# Biomarqueurs

- **IRM**
- **Clichés dynamiques dans le temps et dans l'espace!**
- **EOS**

## **REVENONS A LA LESION!!!**

- 1) Limite du modèle biopsychosocial : *oublier la lésion***
- 2) Limite du concept de l'inutilité de l'imagerie dans la lombalgie commune : *IRM non spécifique***

**IRM d'une population  
asymptomatique**

# Signification de ce signal IRM ?

Ce signal IRM : **hypo T1 et hyper T2** (Modic I)  
n'est 1) *Quasiment jamais observé chez les sujets  
asymptomatiques*

2) *Présent chez 5 à 40%  
des lombalgiques  
Chroniques*

3) *Facteur prédictif  
de bonne réponse  
à la chirurgie*

**Donc  
probablement  
prédictif d'un  
disque symptomatique**



Vital et al, *Spine* 2003; Weishaupt et al, *Radiology* 1998

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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# Assessment of Ankylosing Spondylitis Criteria in Patients with Chronic Low Back Pain and Vertebral Endplate Modic I Signal Changes

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**ABSTRACT.** *Objective.* Patients with chronic low back pain (cLBP) and vertebral endplate Modic I signal changes on lumbar magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) have clinical features that could mimic inflammatory back pain related to spondyloarthritis (SpA) and/or ankylosing spondylitis (AS). We aimed to assess whether such patients fulfilled criteria for SpA and/or AS.

*Methods.* For 5 months in 2008, all patients ( $n = 314$ ) referred to a tertiary care physical medicine and rehabilitation facility in France were consecutively screened. A total of 185 hospitalized for non-specific cLBP were prospectively assessed. Forty patients fulfilling inclusion criteria were consecutively enrolled and included in 2 groups according to MRI findings: Modic I ( $n = 15$ ) and non-Modic I ( $n = 25$ ). MRI findings were assessed independently by 2 spine specialists and a radiologist. HLA-B27 status was determined. Data were collected on clinical measurements and fulfillment of Amor criteria (AC) and modified New York criteria (mNYC). All assessors were blinded to HLA-B27 status.

*Results.* Whatever the Modic group, no patient fulfilled AC or mNYC, and mean total scores were comparable [ $3 \pm 2$  (range 0–22;  $p = 0.977$ ),  $1 \pm 1$  (range 0–3;  $p = 1.000$ ), and  $0 \pm 0$  (range 0–1;  $p = 1.000$ ) for AC and clinical and radiological mNYC, respectively]. HLA-B27 status was similar in both groups [ $n = 2$  (13%) vs  $n = 0$  (0%);  $p = 0.135$ ].

*Conclusion.* Patients with cLBP and Modic I vertebral endplate signal changes on lumbar MRI do not fulfill widely used and validated criteria for SpA and/or AS. Such cases are clinically distinct from SpA and AS. (J Rheumatol First Release August 15 2010; doi:10.3899/jrheum.100165)

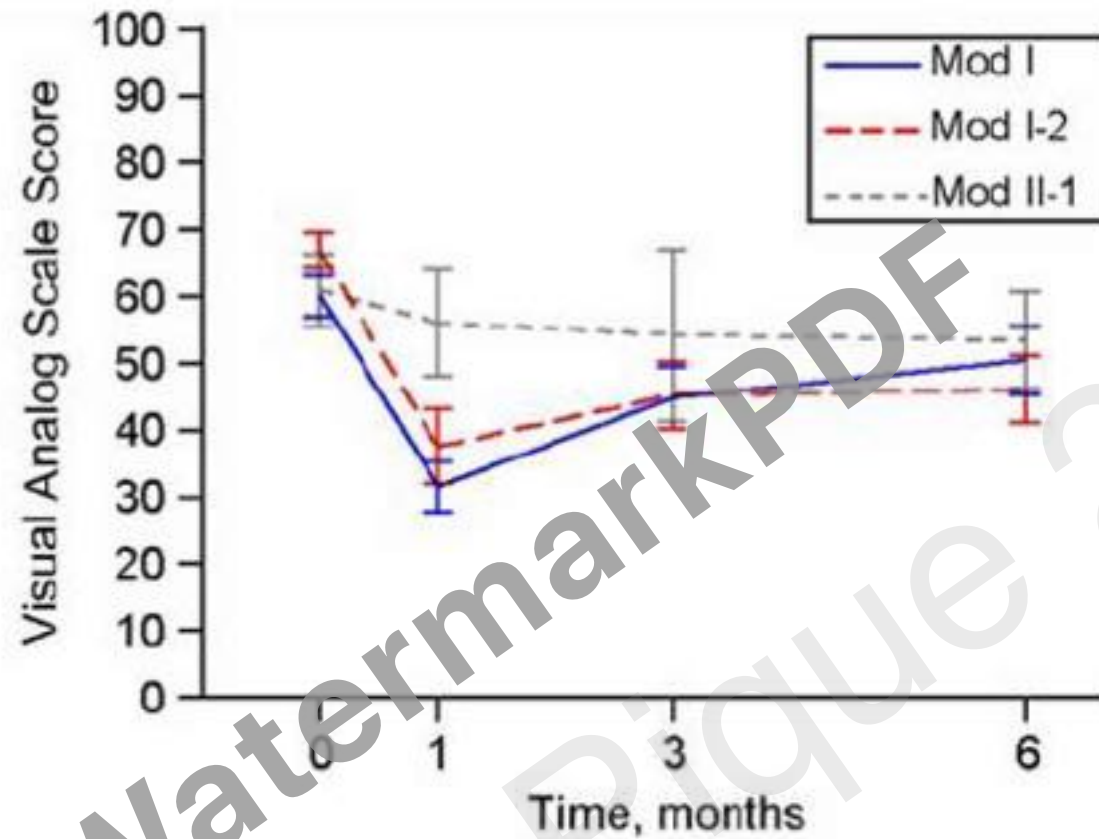
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## **Relation of inflammatory modic changes to intradiscal steroid injection outcome in chronic low back pain**

Fouad Fayad · Marie-Martine Lefevre-Colau · François Rannou ·  
Nathaly Quintero · Alain Nys · Yann Macé · Serge Poiraudreau ·  
Jean Luc Drapé · Michel Revel



Sample Size	Mod I	37	33	31	27
	Mod I-2	25	25	21	19
	Mod II-1	12	11	8	10

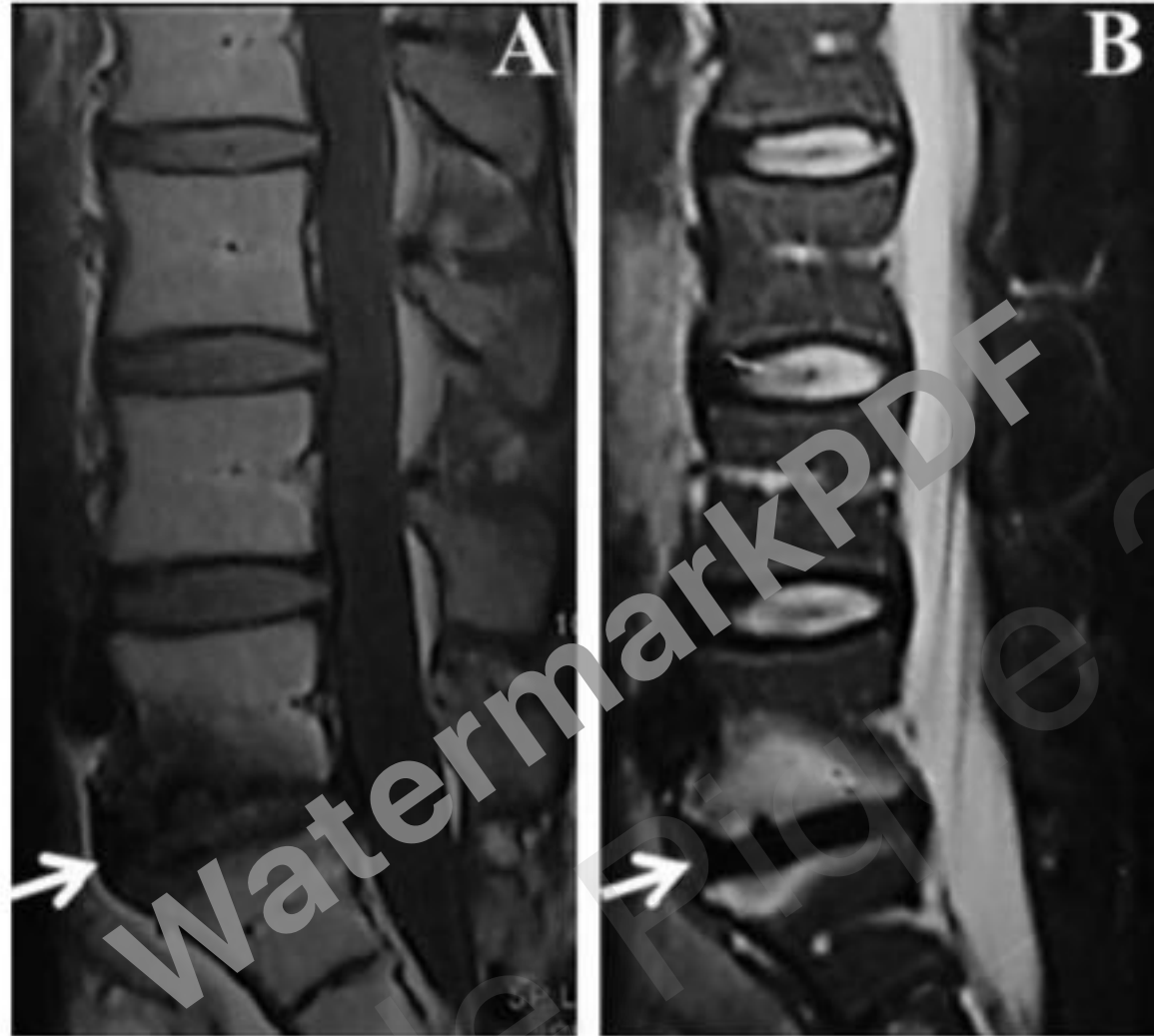
**Fig. 2** Mean  $\pm$  SE development of low back pain intensity in the three groups. *Mod I* Modic I changes, *Mod I-2* Modic I-2 changes, and *Mod II-1*, Modic II-1 changes



## CASE REPORT

### Association of Accelerated Switch From Vertebral End-Plate Modic I to Modic 0 Signal Changes With Clinical Benefit of Intradiscal Corticosteroid Injection for Chronic Low Back Pain

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# Résultats

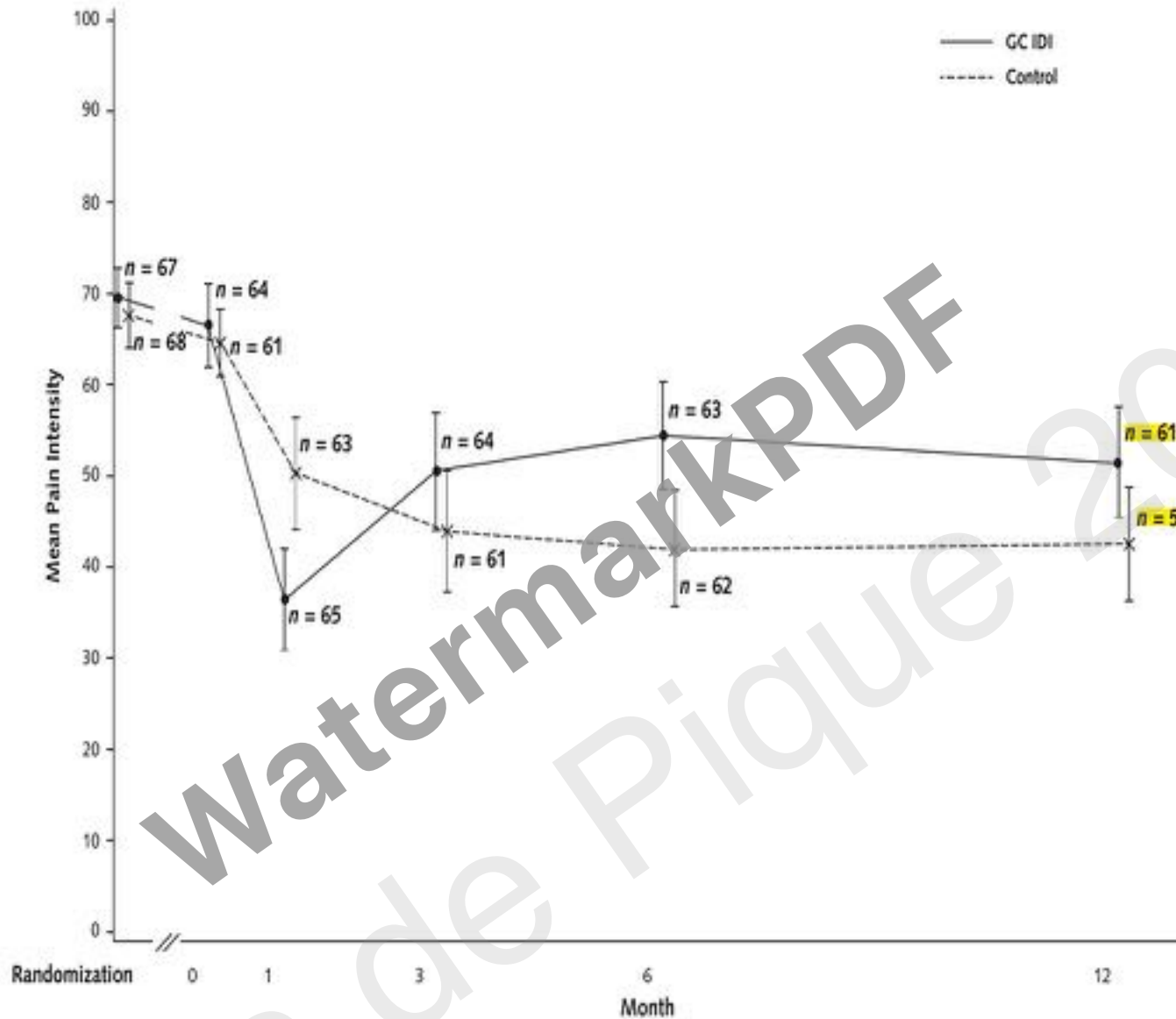


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ORIGINAL RESEARCH

## Intradiscal Glucocorticoid Injection for Patients With Chronic Low Back Pain Associated With Active Discopathy A Randomized Trial

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# Traitements futurs: anti-inflammatoire et non pas régénératif!

Regenerative therapy of intervertebral disc: a double blind phase 2b trial of intradiscal injection of allogenic mesenchymal stromal cells in degenerative disc disease unresponsive to conventional therapy



# Propositions de prise en charge

**Explication claire et précise: information du patient sur sa pathologie, sur la lésion et son évolution**

- **AINS le soir au coucher + corset + antalgiques**
- **Cure courte de corticoïdes après évaluation de la balance bénéfique/risque avec le patient**
- **Infiltration épidurale**
- **En milieu spécialisé : infiltration intradiscale (25 mg hydrocortisone)**
- **Chirurgie : arthrolyse**

## Vertebral subchondral bone

C. Nguyen · S. Poiraudeau · F. Rannou

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Review

From Modic 1 vertebral-endplate subchondral bone signal changes detected by MRI to the concept of 'active discopathy'

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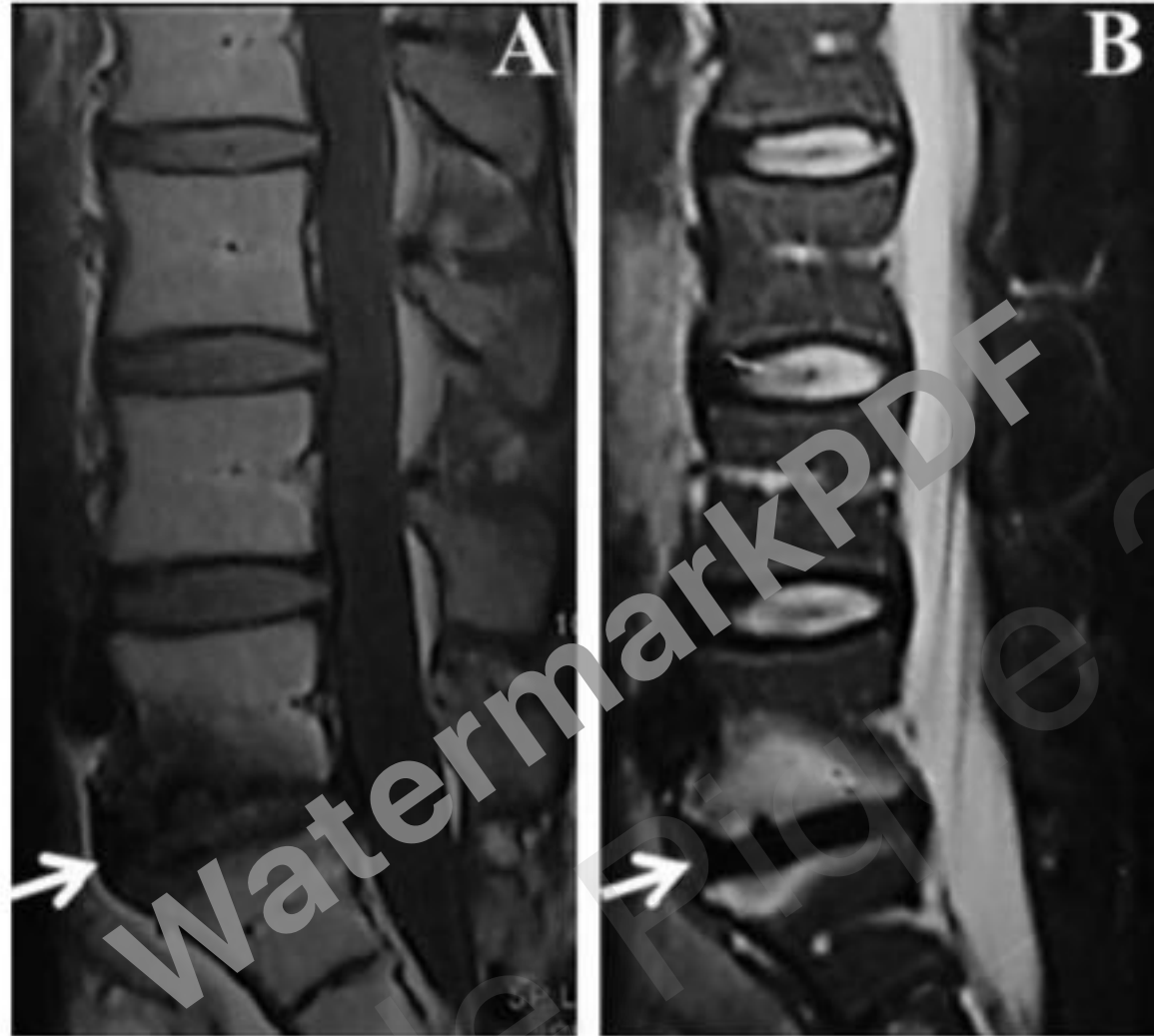
## Active discopathy: a clinical reality

Margaux Boisson,<sup>1</sup> Marie-Martine Lefèvre-Colau,<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> François Rannou,<sup>1,2,5</sup>  
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# Propositions de prise en charge : médecine de précision

- **La discopathie active sur rachis non opéré**
  - **Modic I généralisée au DIV : maladie inflammatoire locale**
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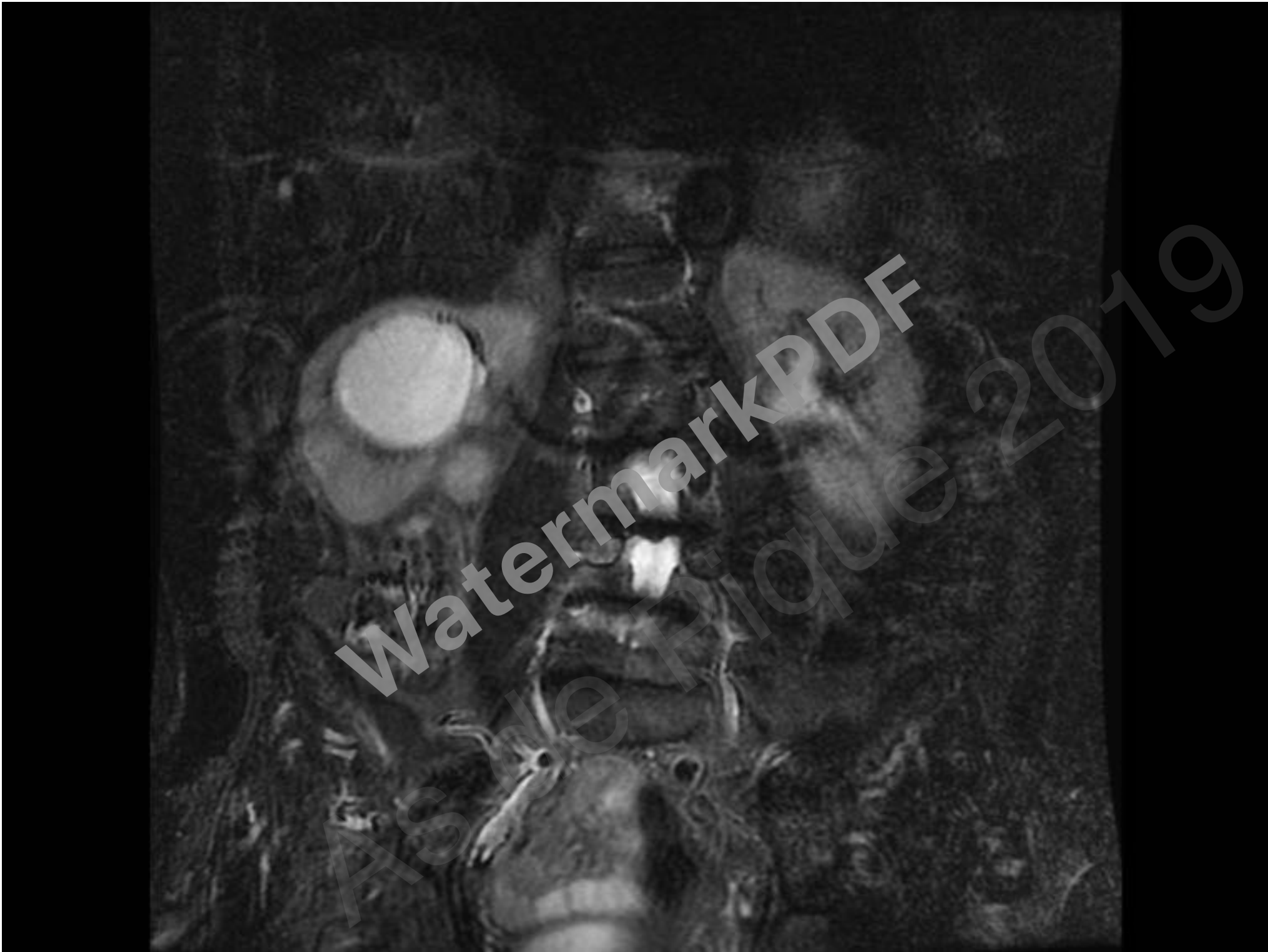
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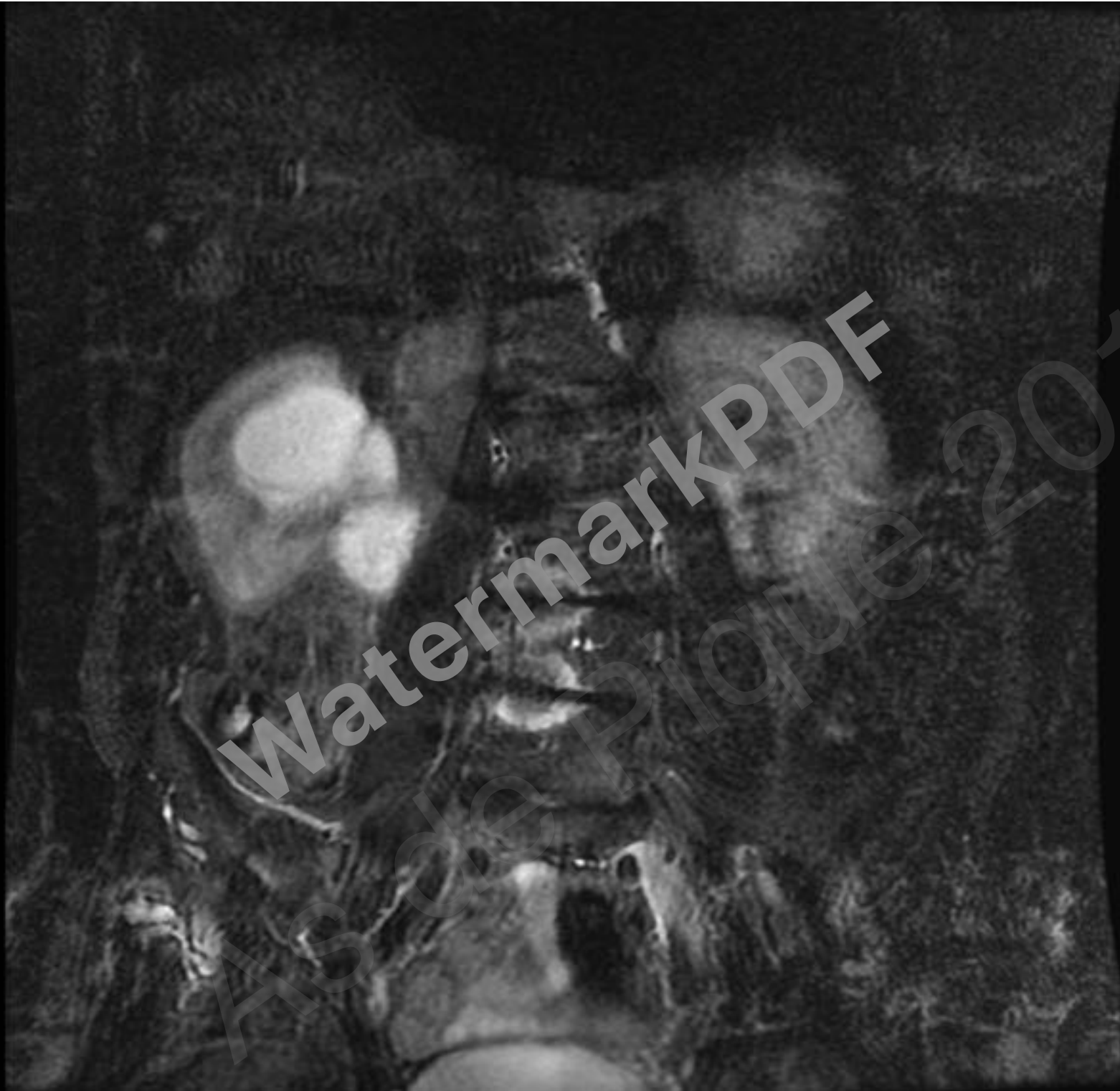


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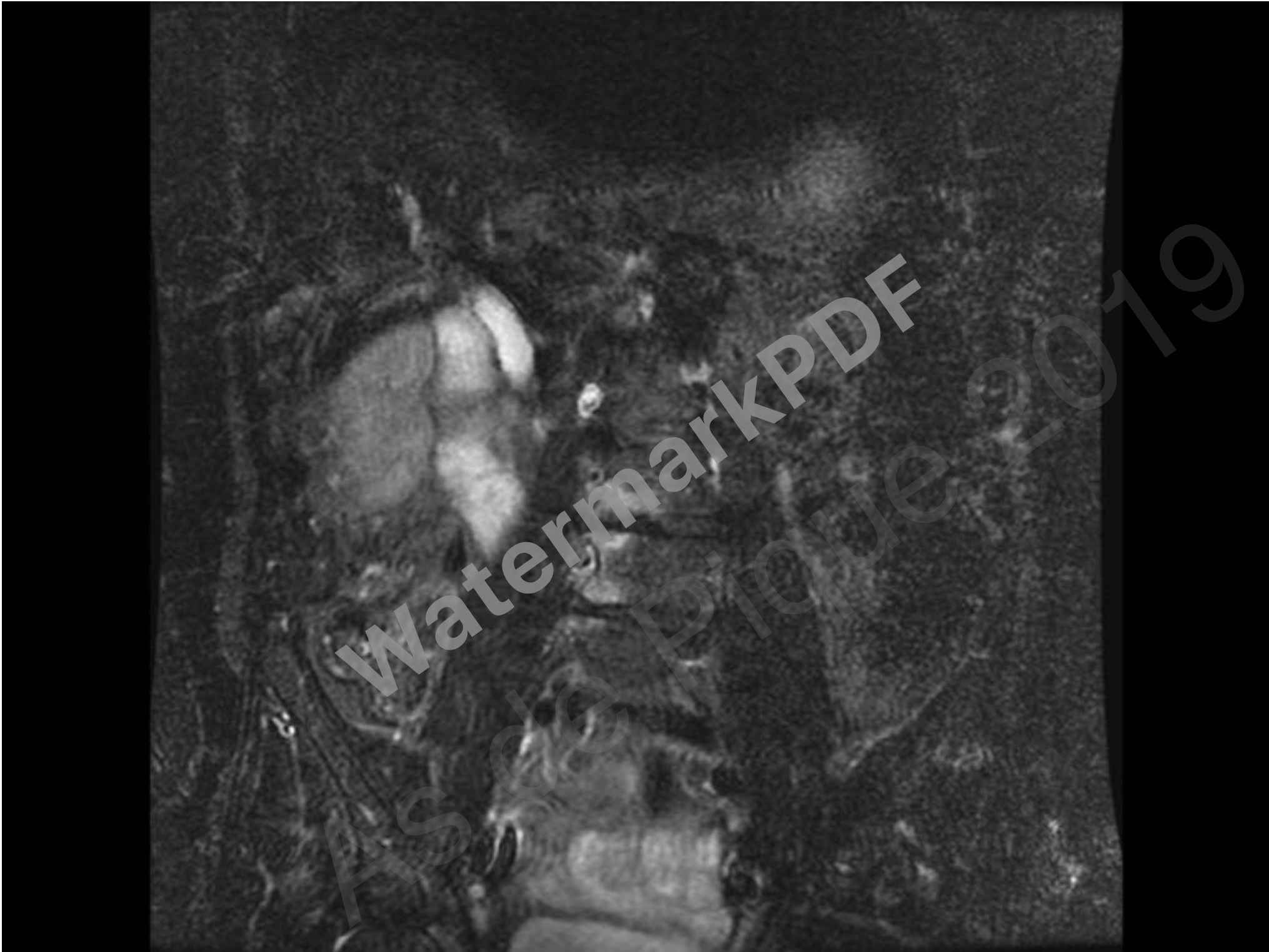
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# Modic mécanique par instabilité



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# Modic postopératoire



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La discopathie active serait une  
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post-op!  
(argument contre)*



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# Argument pour

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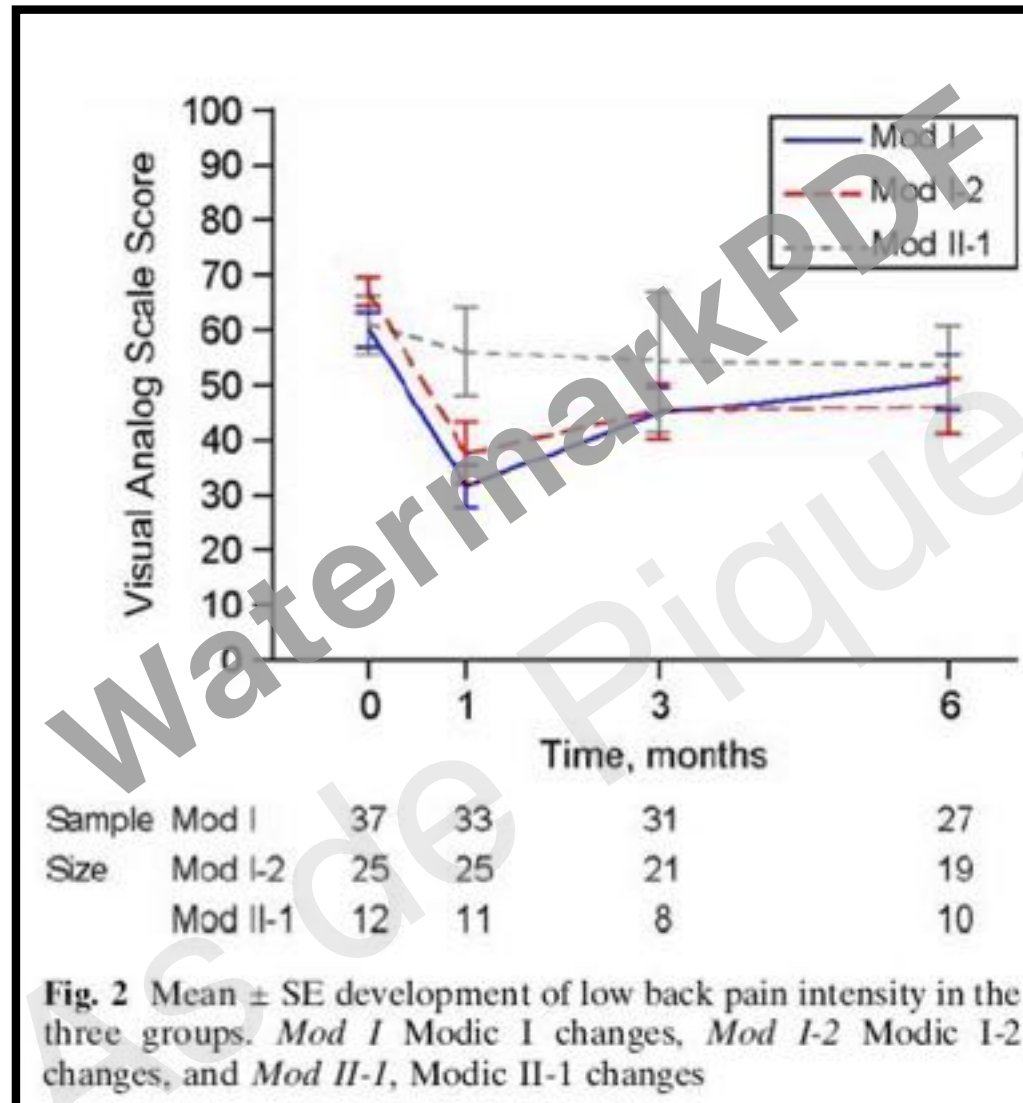
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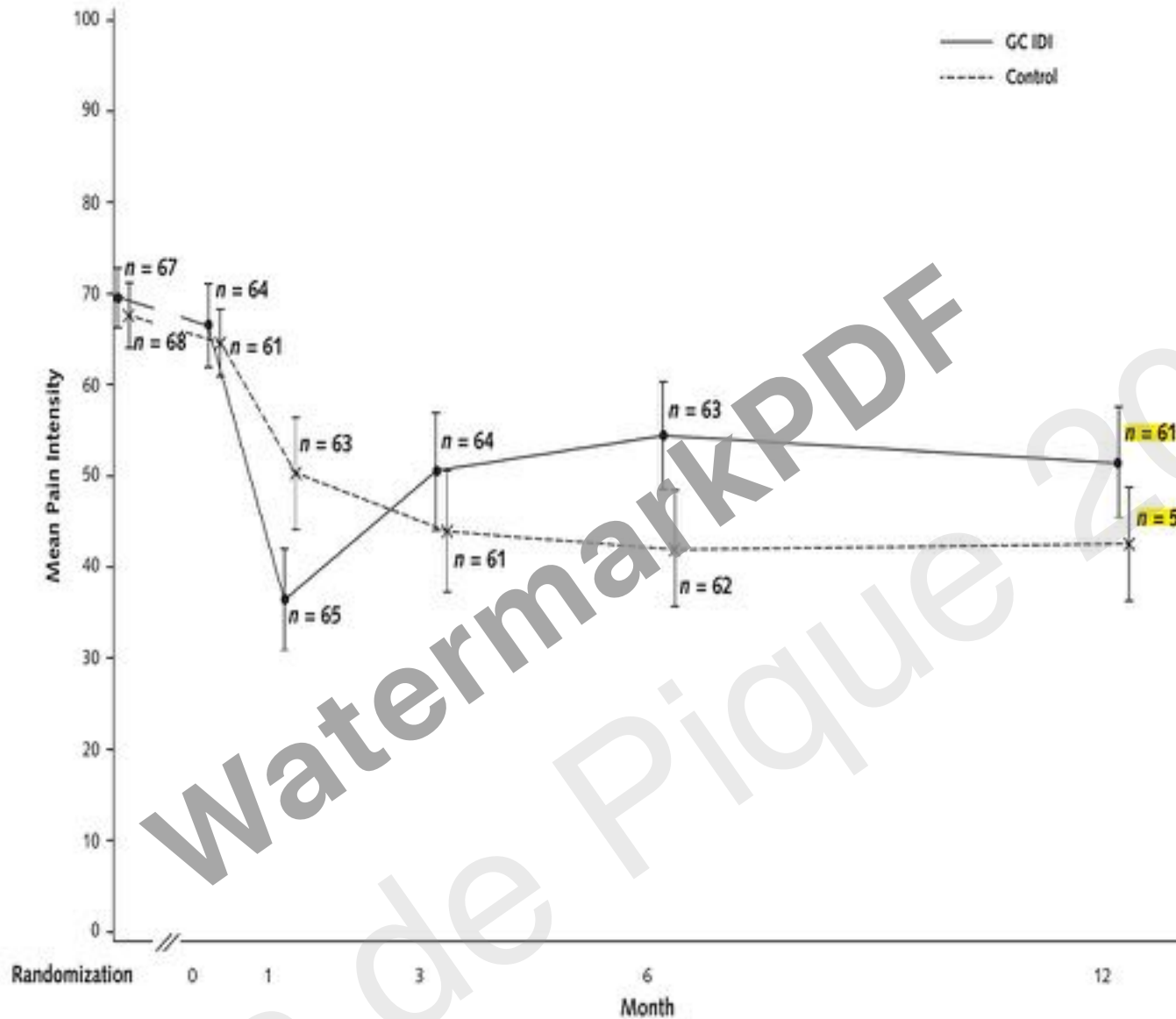
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# Argument contre





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# Argument pour

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

**Antibiotic treatment in patients with chronic low back pain and vertebral bone edema (Modic type 1 changes): a double-blind randomized clinical controlled trial of efficacy**

Hanne B. Albert · Joan S. Sorensen ·  
Berit Schiott Christensen · Claus Manniche

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

**Does nuclear tissue infected with bacteria following disc herniations lead to Modic changes in the adjacent vertebrae?**

Hanne B. Albert · Peter Lambert · Jess Rollason · Joan Solgaard Sorensen ·  
Tony Worthington · Mogens Bach Pedersen · Hanne Schack Nørgaard ·  
Ann Vernallis · Frederik Busch · Claus Manniche · Tom Elliott

# Argumentations

- 2 études indépendantes l'une de l'autre
- Antécédent de chirurgie discale chez 50% des patients, pas d'analyse des deux sous groupes
- Pas d'amélioration franche de l'imagerie
- Amélioration au bout de 6 à 7 semaines alors que ce n'est pas un critère d'évaluation
- Aucune amélioration du groupe contrôle
- Conflit d'intérêt

# Conclusion

- La seule explication logique est que ça n'était pas une étude en double aveugle notamment l'évaluation
- Essai sur une trentaine de patients dans le service: aucune réponse +
- Pas d'étude bactériologique dans l'étude clinique en fait!

Lack of effectiveness of antibiotics in chronic low back pain with Modic 1 changes

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## Do you suffer from back pain? Have you tried a variety of treatments without success?

If so, it is possible that you have a condition relating to Modic changes in your vertebrae. The pain this causes cannot be successfully treated using traditional therapies.

The Modic Clinic provides effective treatments for this condition, based on the latest research. Our detailed understanding of your symptoms means that you will be heard and understood. You can feel confident knowing we base our treatment on the world's leading research organisation within this field.

Approximately 6% of the population suffer from back pain caused by Modic changes. As this specific back pain condition can't be detected via spinal X-rays, many cases remain undiagnosed. However it only takes an MRI scan to identify the presence of Modic changes in your spine.



Suffering pain in the areas highlighted in the diagram above, along with pain that possibly radiates into one or both legs can indicate the presence of Modic changes within your vertebrae.

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Modic changes are pathological changes to the structure and function of the vertebrae. They include micro-fractures and fibrous growth within the spinal tissue. These occur predominantly in the lower back and the neck.



Recent research has shown that Modic changes can be successfully treated with a combination of specific antibiotics and supplemented with a technique known as bio-stimulation laser..



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