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**Title:** Computer bronchophonography (CBPG) – Method of assessment of respiratory function in asthmatic children

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**Body:** Background: Children with poorly controlled asthma have exacerbations and persistent airflow obstruction despite treatment with ICS and LABAs that requires regular assessment of lung function. Aim: To estimate lung function by CBPG during the first 20 minutes after the inhalation of BUD/FORM versus SABA and LABA in children with bronchial asthma. Materials and methods: 40 patients (age 6- 16 years) with poorly controlled asthma were divided in 2 parallel groups. On Day 1 children in Group 1 inhaled ICS/LABA (bud/form 80/4,5μg), on Day 2 – LABA (form 9μg) and on Day 3 - SABA (salbutamol 200μg). Children in Group 2 inhaled bronchodilators in reverse order: SABA, LABA, ICS/LABA. We evaluated CBPG data before and 20 minutes after inhalation of bronchodilators and compared these with spirometry data. Registration of respiratory sounds was recorded by high sensitivity transducer in wide range of frequencies during guiet breathing. Results: In both groups the results of spirometry were similar. FEV1 after BUD/FORM increased from 82,1%±2,1% to 92%±2,2% (p≤0,002), after LABA – from 79,1%±2,3% to  $87.9\% \pm 3.4\%$  (p≤0,013), after SABA from  $72.5\% \pm 3.7\%$  to  $82.8\% \pm 4.6\%$  (p≤0,004). ACBW decreased in high-frequency zone from 0,35+0,04mcJ to 0,15+0,02mcJ (p=0,001) after BUD/FORM, from 0,33+0,05mcJ to 0,18+0,03mcJ (p=0,005) after LABA, from 0,33+0,04mcJ Ao 0,15+0,04mcJ (p=0,001) after SABA. Conclusions: The intensity of the acoustic component of breathing in the high frequency zone (ACBW, mcJ) correlated with bronchial obstruction. Due to the combined bronchodilator and anti-inflammatory actions BUD/FORM can treat both bronchoconstriction and inflammation at the early stages of exacerbations.