

# Azathioprine in the management of autoimmune uveitis

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**Purpose:** To evaluate the role of azathioprine as an immunosuppressive for steroid-resistant autoimmune uveitis (AIU). **Methods:** Patients using oral prednisolone for active AIU without clinical response were recruited. A standard protocol of oral prednisolone and azathioprine was used.

**Results:** Twenty-seven patients participated in the study: 3 with anterior uveitis, 1 pars planitis, 4 idiopathic panuveitis, 8 Vogt-Koyonagi-Harada syndrome, 3 Behcet disease, and 8 choroidoretinopathies. Complete response was observed in 92%. Eleven patients had well-tolerated minor side effects. **Conclusion:** Azathioprine is safe and effective in controlling steroid-resistant AIU.

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