



Newer developments in the management of multiple sclerosis and other neuroinflammatory diseases



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Neuroimmunology and MS Clinic:

Outpatient & Day Clinic, Neuroimmunology & Neurooncology Ward

8 physicians, 3 nurses, 1 neuropsychologist

- 2800 patients on file
- > 3000 frequencies (2012)



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Research Lab (M. Reindl) & CSF Lab (F. Diersenhammer)

1 molecular biologist, 6 PhD students, 8 technicians

- Biomarkers in MS/NMO/immunoneuropathies
- Antidrug antibodies in MS
- Treatment trials



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Learning objectives

- Differential diagnosis of a first demyelinating event
- Expectations on new treatments in MS
- Treatment concepts in MS
- New treatments along these concepts
- Benefit-risk evaluations
- Individual treatment strategy and pathway



Cases 1-4: *The Histories*

1. GW, m, 35y; since 1 week ascending hypesthesia, finally up to right fingers. *CTS left some years ago.*

2. WJ, m, 58y; since 1 week progressive hypesthesia/weakness right UL, now also right LL. *Hypertension; trauma right shoulder 10 days ago.*

3. SC, f, 49y; since 1 week progressive hypesthesia/pain/weakness left UL, then also right UL and both LL. *CTS right; absolute vertebrostenosis C6/7.*

4. ES, f, 30y; since 1 week progressive hypesthesia/weakness both LL, urinary incontinence. *UTI 4 weeks ago.*



Cases 1-4: *The Neurological Exams*

DD acute
(transverse-)
myelitis



Cases 1-4: *The Evoked Potentials*

1. GW, m, 35y; pathological: Tib SEP right; MEP LL left; VEP right
2. WJ, m, 58y; pathological: Med/Tib SEP both; VEP n.d.
3. SC, f, 49y; pathological: Med SEP left
4. ES, f, 30a; pathological: Med/Tib SEP both; MEP UL/LL both; VEP both



Cases 1-4: The MRI Findings





Case 1

GW, m, 35y

History: since 1 week ascending hypesthesia, finally up to right fingers.

CTS left some years ago.

N-exam: incomplete SC syndrome C8

EVP: pathological: Tib SEP right; MEP LL left; VEP right

CSF:

cc 15/ μ l, some lympho; protein 54; IgG-index 1.06; OCB+

other findings:

anti-AQP-4 antibodies negative; all other lab exams negative

diagnosis: multiple sclerosis





Case 2

WJ, m, 58y

History: since 1 week progressive hypesthesia/weakness right UL, now also right LL.

Hypertension; trauma right shoulder 10 days ago.

N-exam: weakness C6 right, hypesthesia C5-7 right

EVP: pathological: Med/Tib SEP both; VEP n.d.

CSF:

cc 23/ μ l, some lympho; protein 36; IgG-index 0.62; OCB+

other findings:

all normal/negative

diagnosis: acute transverse myelitis





Case 3

SC, f, 49y

History: since 1 week progressive hypesthesia/pain/weakness left UL, then also right UL and both LL.

CTS right; absolute vertebrostenosis C6/7.

N-exam: incomplete SC syndrome C5

EVP: pathological: Med SEP left

CSF:

- 1) cc 6/ μ l, some lympho; protein 48; IgG-index 0.45; OCB-
- 2) cc 7/ μ l, some lympho; protein 72; IgG-index 0.62; OCB-

other findings:

serum ACE 75 U/l; FDG-PET: pathological mediastinal LN;
CT chest: multiple enlarged LN; LN biopsy: granulomatous
lymphadenitis, granulomas with epitheloid cells



diagnosis: (neuro-) sarcoidosis



Case 4

ES, w, 30y

History: since 1 week progressive hypesthesia/weakness both LL, urinary incontinence.

UTI 4 weeks ago.

N-exam: complete SC syndrome D6, neurogenic bladder dysfunction

EVP: pathological Med/Tib SEP both; MEP UL/LL both; VEP both

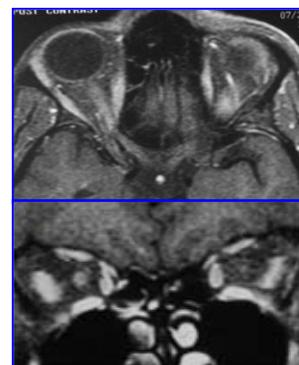
CSF:

cc 9/ μ l, some lympho; protein 42; IgG-index n.d.; OCB-

other findings:

anti-AQP-4 antibodies positiv, 1: 40.960

diagnosis: neuromyelitis optica





DDx: CIS / ADEM / NMO

	CIS	ADEM	NMO-spectrum
age	adults >> children	children >> adults	any age
symptoms & disease course	mainly mono-symptomatic; moderate relapse, good remission	impaired consciousness, fever, meningeal signs (children), seizures; often polysymptomatic; often dramatic severe onset, usually good remission	ON, myelitis, rarely other CNS symptoms; usually severe relapses, early disability
MRI	periventricular, ovoid lesions („Dawson fingers“)	large (tumour-like) lesions (white and grey matter), often reversible	LETM (≥ 3 segments, white and grey matter), brainstem, hypothalamus
CSF	cell count: $< 50/\mu\text{l}$; OCB pos. (permanent)	cell count variable; OCB rarely pos. (transient)	cell count variable; OCB rarely pos. (transient)
other issues		post-infectious/-vaccine MOG antibodies (?)	AQP-4 antibodies MOG antibodies (?)
diagnostic criteria	McDonald (2010)	NMSS Task Force (2008)	Wingerchuk (2006)
treatment	Acute: HDMP (PLEX) DMT: IFNβ-1a/b, GLAT	Acute: HDMP – PLEX DMT: not necessary	Acute: HDMP – PLEX DMT: AZA, α -CD20 mAb



Current & future MS treatment

Considerations

- Change of expectations
 - Immunopathogenetic rationales
 - Prognosis & risks
 - Treatment options / concepts
 - Patients' expectations & adherence
 - Benefit-risk evaluation
 - Disease & treatment monitoring
- à Individual treatment desicion

Communication



Neuropathology of MS

Pathological differences between RRMS and CPMS (SPMS, PPMS)

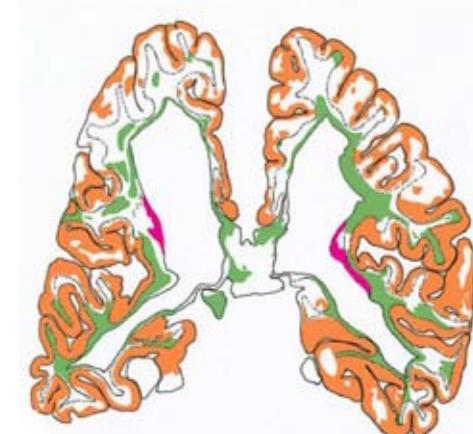
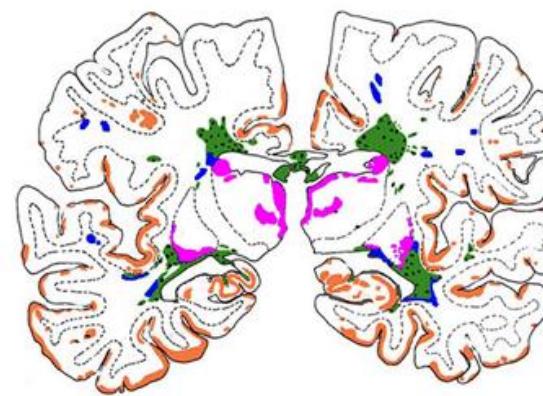
RRMS

RPMS

SPMS / PPMS

- New waves of inflammation entering the CNS from circulation
- Focal demyelinating lesions with variable axonal injury and blood brain barrier injury mainly in the WM

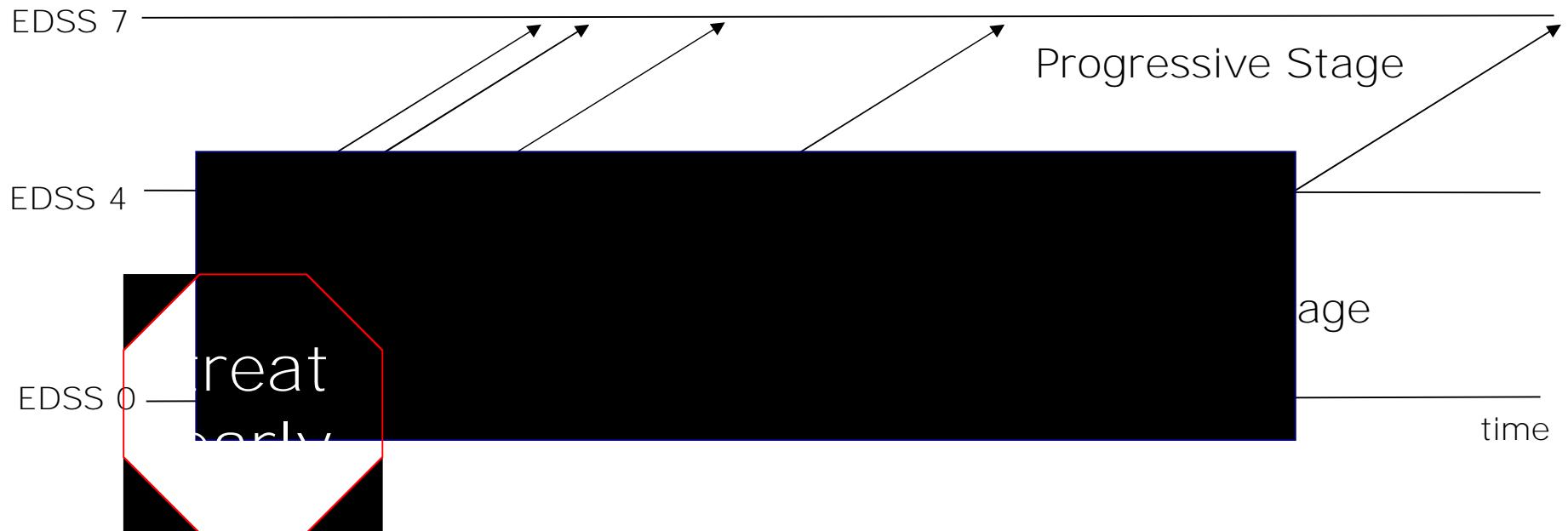
- Compartmentalized inflammation in CNS
- Slow expansion of pre-existing WM lesions
- Diffuse inflammation and axonal injury in NAWM
- Extensive cortical demyelination



Kutzelnigg et al 2005, Hochmeister et al 2006, Frischer et al 2009



Treatment rationale – concept #1 („the classical way“)



Progression from EDSS 0-4 (inflammatory phase): 1-32 years

Progression from EDSS 4-7 (degenerative phase): 7-11 years



DMTs in RRMS: *treatment effects*

NNT calculations

Trial	Annualized relapse rate over 2 years				Relative reduction
	Placebo	DMT	Absolute reduction	Number needed to treat (NNT)	
IM IFN? P 1a 30 µg qw (Jacobs 1996)	0.90	0.61	0.29	3.4	0.32
SC IFN? x 1a 22 µg tiw (PRISMS 1998)	1.28	0.91	0.37	2.7	0.29
SC IFN? O 1a 44 µg tiw (PRISMS 1998)	1.28	0.87	0.41	2.4	0.32
IFN? & 1b 250 µg qod (IFNMSSG 1993)	1.27	0.84	0.43	2.3	0.34
GA 20 mg qd (Johnson 1995)	0.84	0.59	0.25	4.0	0.30



Treatment

New approved DMT's in RRMS

FDA NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: Sept. 12, 2012

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FDA approves new multiple sclerosis treatment Aubagio

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today approved Aubagio (teriflunomide), a once-a-day tablet for the treatment of adults with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS).

Paris, France – August 30, 2013 – Sanofi (EURONEXT: SAN and NYSE: SNY) and its subsidiary Genzyme announced today that the European Commission has granted marketing authorization for Aubagio® (teriflunomide) 14 mg, a once-daily, oral therapy indicated for the treatment of adult patients with relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis (RRMS).

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FDA approves new multiple sclerosis treatment: Tecfidera

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today approved Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate) capsules to treat adults with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS).

On 21 March 2013, the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) adopted a positive opinion, recommending the granting of a marketing authorisation for the medicinal product Tecfidera 120 mg and 240 mg, gastro-resistant hard capsules, intended for the treatment of adult patients with relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis.



Teriflunomide

Phase III clinical trial: TEMSO

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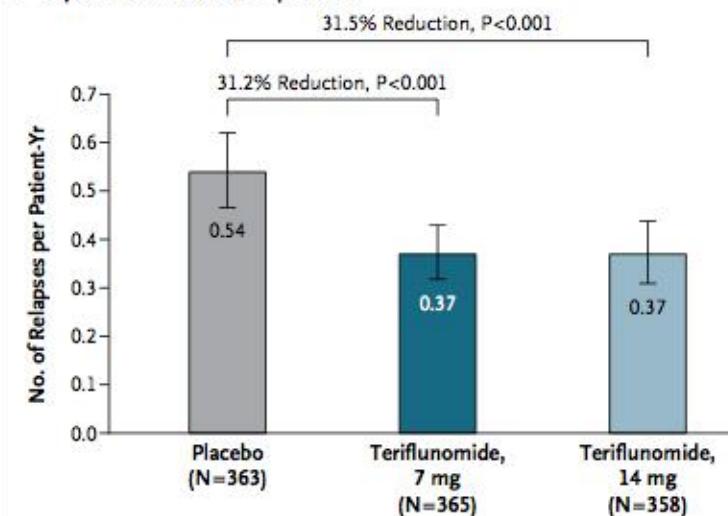
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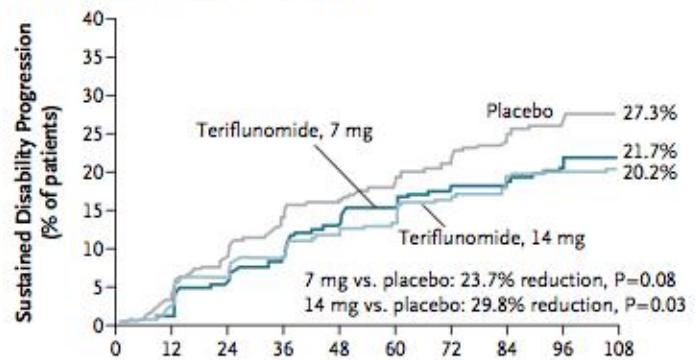
Table 2. Clinical and MRI Results.*

Variable	Placebo (N=363)	Teriflunomide, 7 mg (N=365)	Teriflunomide, 14 mg (N=358)	P Value	
MRI outcomes					
Total lesion volume					
Change from baseline — ml	2.21±7.00	1.31±6.80	0.72±7.59	0.03	<0.001
Relative reduction vs. placebo — %**		39.4	67.4		
Volume of hypointense lesions on T ₁ -weighted images					
Change from baseline — ml	0.53±1.06	0.50±1.15	0.33±1.01	0.19	0.02
Relative reduction vs. placebo — %**		16.7	31.3		
Volume of hyperintense lesion components on T ₂ -weighted images††					
Change from baseline — ml	1.67±6.47	0.81±6.18	0.39±6.90	0.04	<0.001
Relative reduction vs. placebo — %**		44.0	76.7		
Gadolinium-enhancing lesions per T ₁ -weighted scan¶					
Estimated no. (95% CI)	1.33 (1.06–1.67)	0.57 (0.43–0.75)	0.26 (0.17–0.41)	<0.001	<0.001
Relative risk (95% CI)		0.43 (0.31–0.59)	0.20 (0.12–0.32)		
Absence of gadolinium-enhancing lesions on T ₁ -weighted images — no. of patients (%)†‡	135 (39.0)	180 (51.4)	218 (64.1)	<0.001	<0.001
Unique active lesions per scan¶					
Estimated no. (95% CI)	2.46 (2.10–2.89)	1.29 (1.07–1.54)	0.75 (0.58–0.99)	<0.001	<0.001
Relative risk (95% CI)		0.52 (0.42–0.65)	0.31 (0.23–0.41)		
Brain parenchymal fraction§§					
Change from baseline	-0.004±0.001	-0.003±0.001	-0.003±0.001	0.19	0.35
Difference vs. placebo		0.001±0.001	0.001±0.001		
Relative reduction vs. placebo — %		25.0	25.0		

A Adjusted Annualized Relapse Rate



B Disability Progression (sustained for 12 wk)



No. at Risk

Placebo	363	336	306	279	258	242	224	211	200	160
Teriflunomide, 7 mg	365	343	309	290	266	252	238	234	224	178
Teriflunomide, 14 mg	358	329	302	285	262	251	234	227	217	175



Dimethylfumarate (BG-12)

Phase III clinical trial: DEFINE

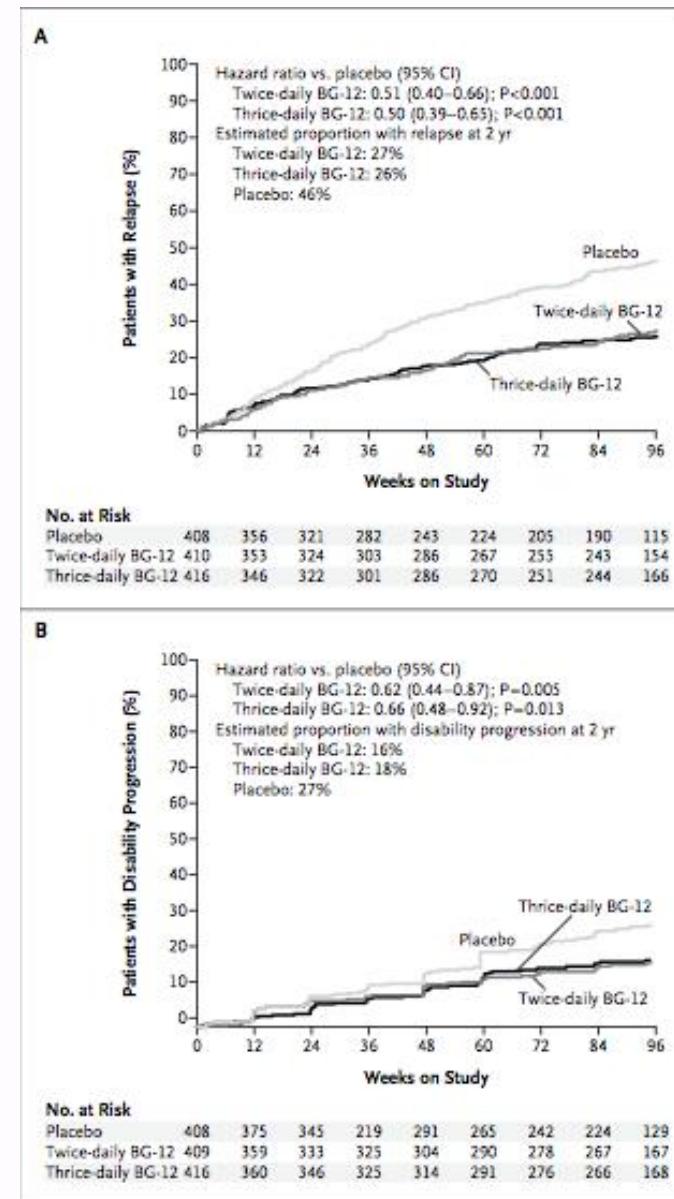
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Table 2. Clinical and MRI End Points during the 96-Week Study.^a

End Point	Placebo (N=408)	Twice-Daily BG-12 (N=410)	Thrice-Daily BG-12 (N=416)
Patients with relapse at 2 yr — %†	46	27	26
Hazard ratio vs. placebo (95% CI)‡	—	0.51 (0.40–0.66)‡	0.50 (0.39–0.65)‡
Odds ratio vs. placebo (95% CI)§	—	0.42 (0.31–0.57)‡	0.41 (0.30–0.56)‡
Time to first relapse, 25th percentile — wk¶	38	87	91
Annualized relapse rate at 2 yr			
Adjusted relapse rate (95% CI)	0.36 (0.30–0.44)	0.17 (0.14–0.21)	0.19 (0.15–0.23)
Rate ratio vs. placebo (95% CI)	—	0.47 (0.37–0.61)‡	0.52 (0.40–0.67)‡
Confirmed progression of disability at 2 yr			
Patients with progression sustained for 12 wk — %†	27	16**	18
Hazard ratio vs. placebo (95% CI)		0.62 (0.44–0.87)††	0.66 (0.48–0.92)‡‡
MRI assessments			
New or newly enlarging T ₂ -weighted lesions at 2 yr as compared with baseline			
Adjusted mean no. of lesions (95% CI)	17.0 (12.9–22.4)	2.6 (2.0–3.5)	4.4 (3.2–5.9)
Ratio of adjusted mean no. of lesions in treatment group to adjusted mean no. in placebo group (95% CI)		0.15 (0.10–0.23)‡	0.26 (0.17–0.38)‡
Gadolinium-enhancing T ₁ -weighted lesions at 2 yr			
Mean no.	1.8±4.2	0.1±0.6	0.5±1.7
Odds ratio vs. placebo (95% CI)	—	0.10 (0.05–0.22)‡	0.27 (0.15–0.46)‡





Dimethylfumarate (BG-12)

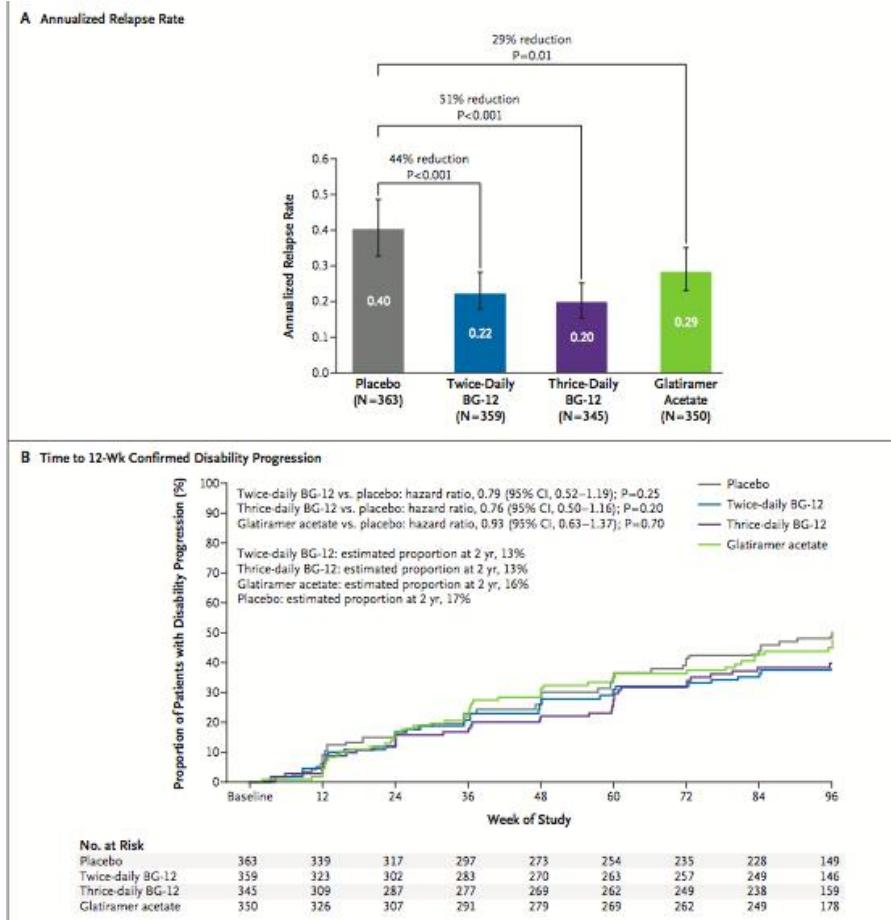
Phase III clinical trial: CONFIRM

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Placebo-Controlled Phase 3 Study of Oral BG-12 or Glatiramer in Multiple Sclerosis

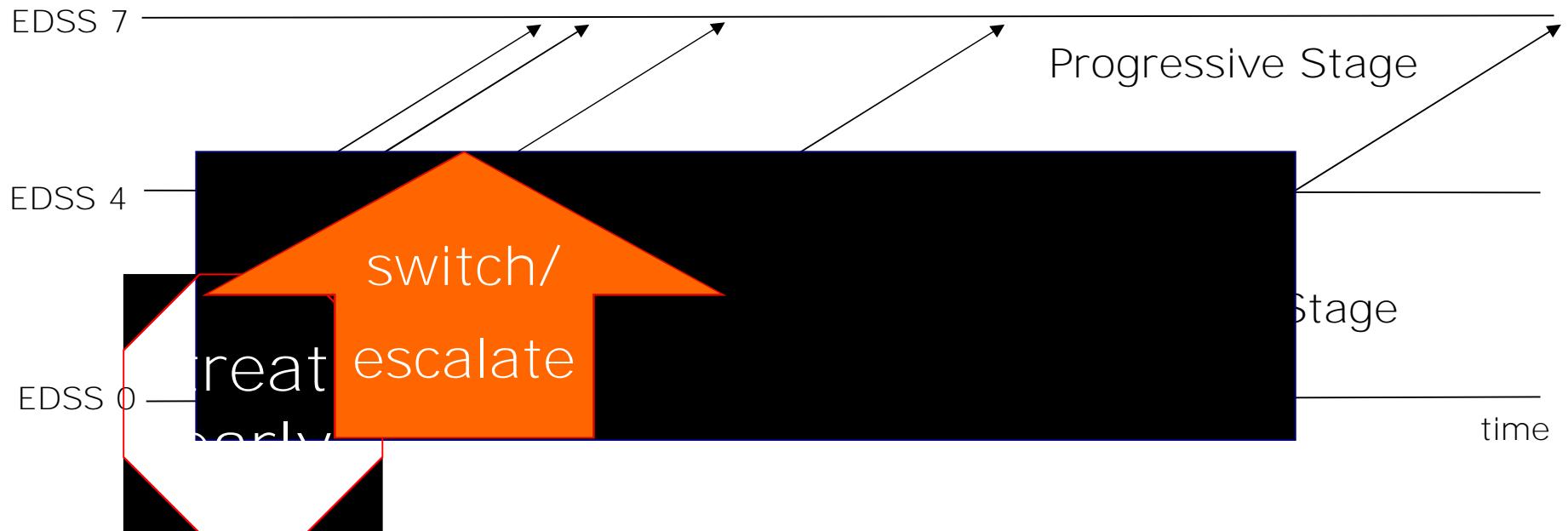
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End Point	Placebo (N=363)	Twice-Daily BG-12 (N=359)	Thrice-Daily BG-12 (N=345)	Glatiramer Acetate (N=350)
Annualized relapse rate at 2 yr†				
Rate (95% CI)	0.40 (0.33–0.49)	0.22 (0.18–0.28)	0.20 (0.16–0.25)	0.29 (0.23–0.35)
Percentage reduction vs. placebo (95% CI)		44.0 (26.0–57.7)‡	50.5 (33.8–63.1)‡	28.6 (6.9–45.2)§
Time to first confirmed relapse, 25th percentile — wk¶	30	72	NA	57
Estimated proportion of patients with a relapse at 2 yr				
Proportion — %	41	29	24	32
Hazard ratio vs. placebo (95% CI)**		0.66 (0.51–0.86)††	0.55 (0.42–0.73)‡‡	0.71 (0.55–0.92)††
Disability progression at 2 yr				
Estimated proportion of patients with progression confirmed at least 12 wk later — %	17	13	13	16
Hazard ratio vs. placebo (95% CI)‡‡		0.79 (0.52–1.19)	0.76 (0.50–1.16)	0.93 (0.63–1.37)
New or enlarging T ₂ -weighted hyperintense lesions at 2 yr§§				
No. of patients evaluated	139	140	140	153
Adjusted mean no. of lesions (95% CI)	17.4 (13.5–22.4)	5.1 (3.9–6.6)	4.7 (3.6–6.2)	8.0 (6.3–10.2)
Ratio of mean no. of lesions in active-treatment group to mean no. in placebo group (95% CI)		0.29 (0.21–0.41)‡	0.27 (0.20–0.38)‡‡	0.46 (0.33–0.63)‡‡
New T ₁ -weighted hypointense lesions at 2 yr§§				
No. of patients evaluated	139	140	140	154
Adjusted mean no. of lesions (95% CI)	7.0 (5.3–9.2)	3.0 (2.3–4.0)	2.4 (1.8–3.2)	4.1 (3.2–5.3)
Ratio of mean no. of lesions in active-treatment group to mean no. in placebo group (95% CI)		0.43 (0.30–0.61)‡‡	0.35 (0.24–0.49)‡‡	0.59 (0.42–0.82)‡‡
Gadolinium-enhancing lesions at 2 yr§§				
No. of patients evaluated	144	147	144	161
No. of lesions	2.0±5.6	0.5±1.7	0.4±1.2	0.7±1.8
Odds ratio vs. placebo (95% CI)		0.26 (0.15–0.46)‡‡	0.35 (0.20–0.59)‡‡	0.39 (0.24–0.65)‡‡





Treatment rationale – concept #2 („escalation“)



Progression from EDSS 0-4 (inflammatory phase): 1-32 years

Progression from EDSS 4-7 (degenerative phase): 7-11 years



Treatment *switch & escalation rationales & options*

Rationales:

- 1) non-responders
- 2) AE's and (increasing) risks
- 3) non-adherence
- 4) patient's request

Options

- IFN β to IFN β
- IFN β to GLAT and vice versa
- IFN β /GLAT to oral treatment
(DMF, TERI, LAQ)
- treatment escalation (Mito, NTZ, FTY,
AZM, RXM)
- treatment de-escalation



Multiple Sclerosis Registry Austrian Society of Neurology (ÖGN)

NTZ treated patients = 1010 (as of May 6, 2013)

females = 70.8%; age = 35.7 years; MS duration = 8.0 years

EDSS 3.3; relapses 12 months prior NTZ start = 2.4

FTY treated patients = 203 (as of May 6, 2013)

females = 76.4%; age = 39.2 years; MS duration = 9.4 years

EDSS 2.6; relapses 12 months prior FTY start = 2.3

- Indication A
- Indication B
- UKN

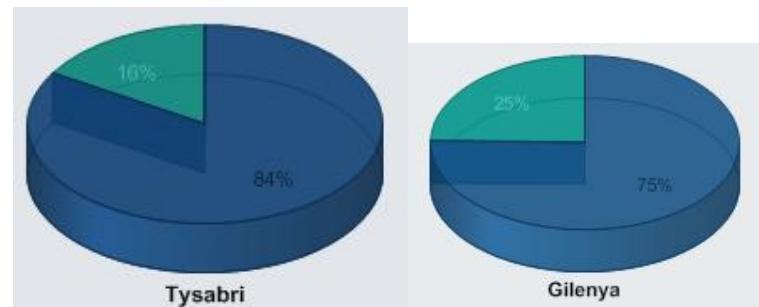


Fig. 2: Annual relapse rate

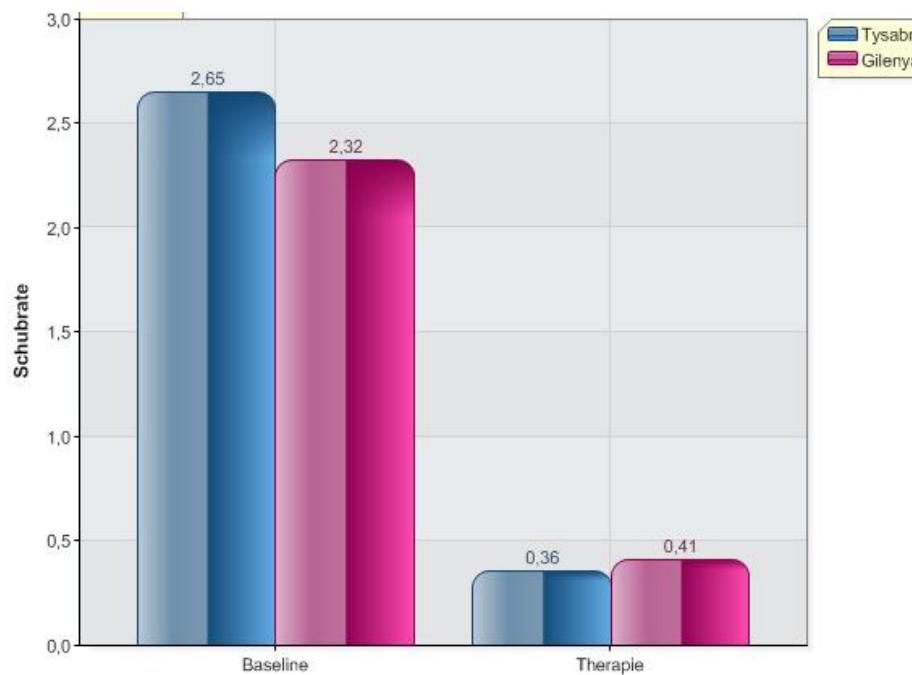
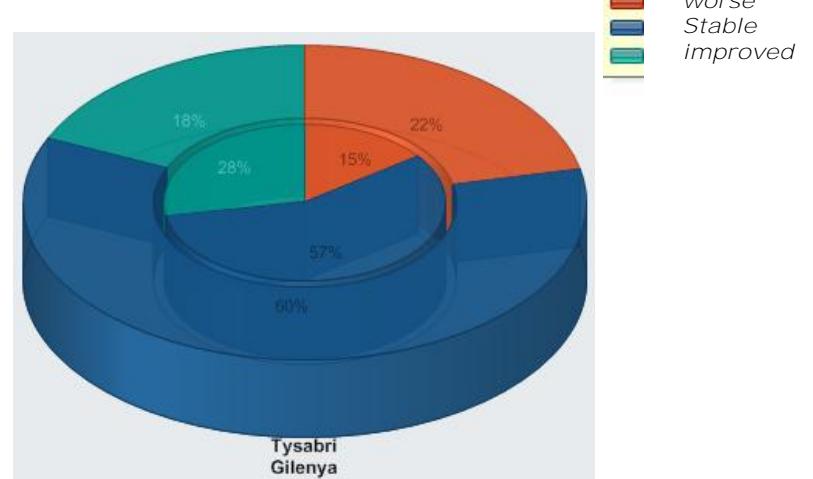


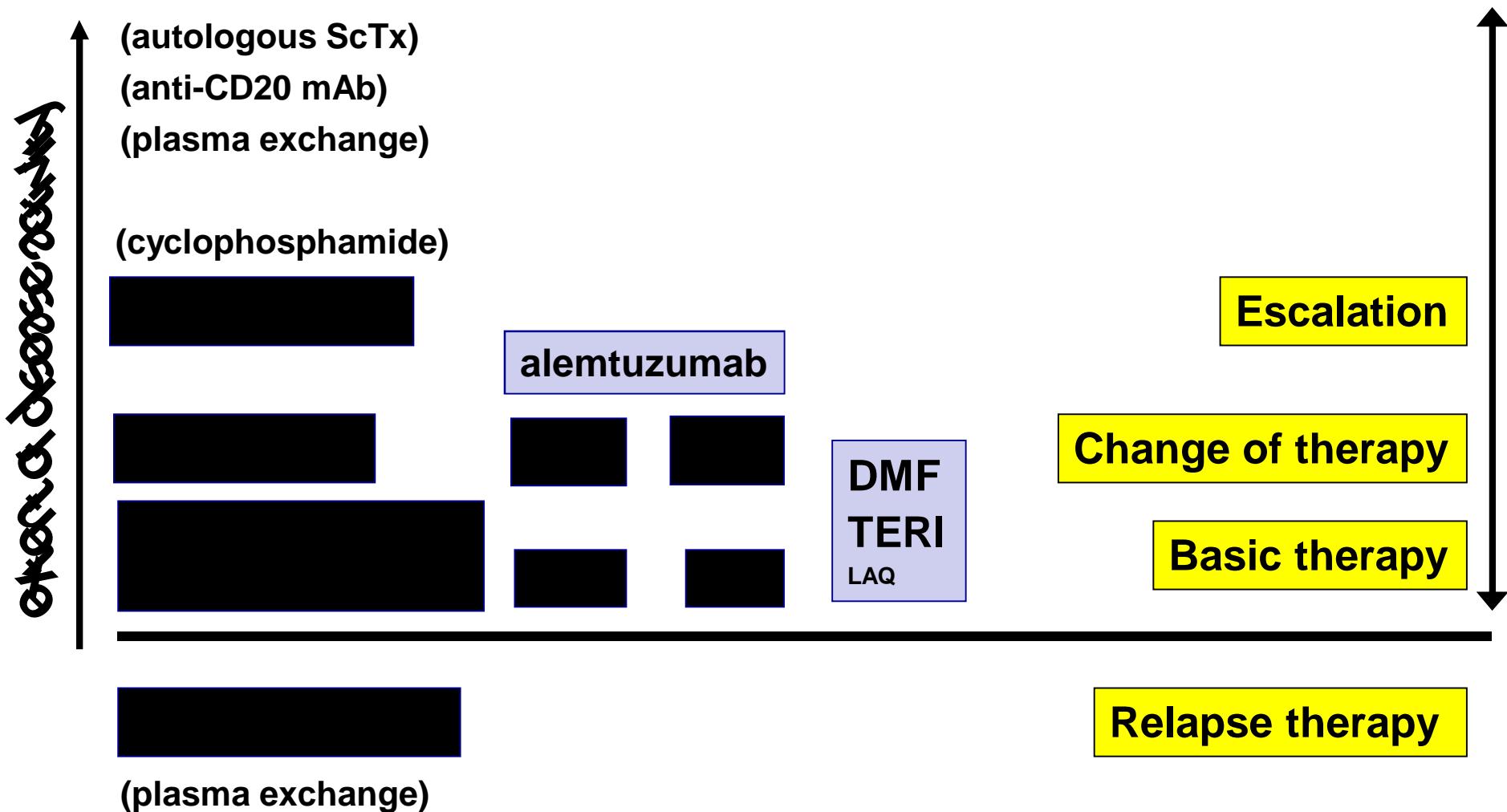
Fig. 4: Change of more than one point in the EDSS





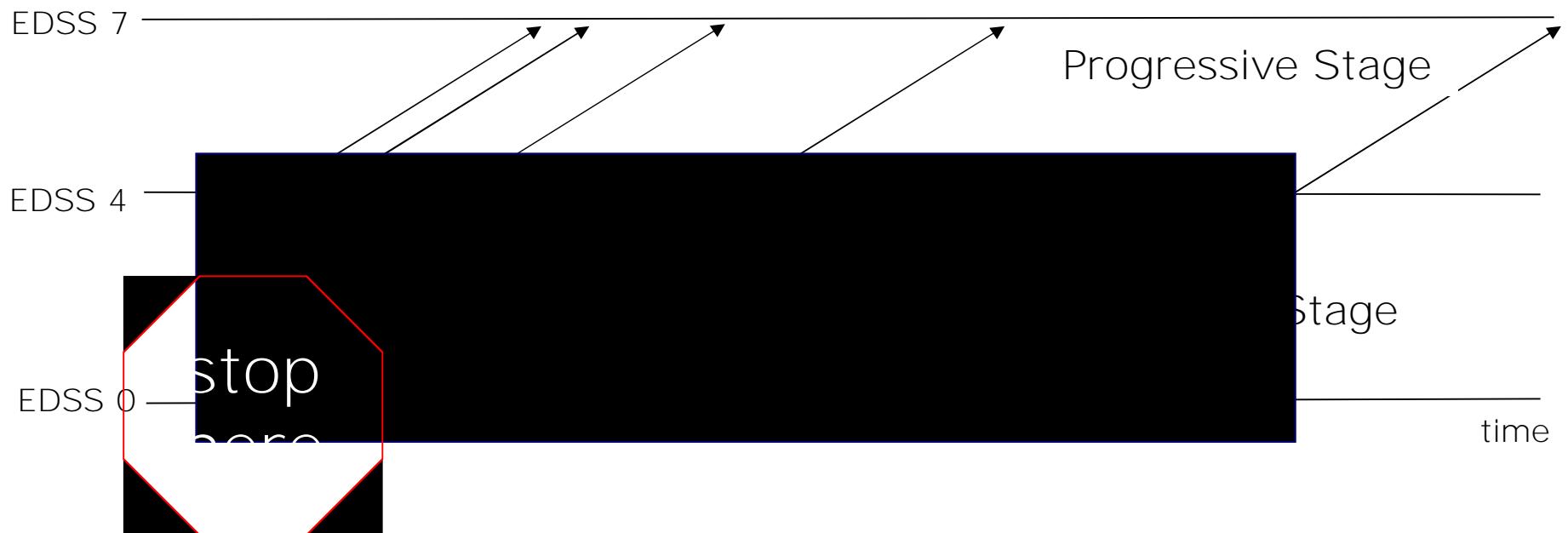
Treatment

Disease modifying therapies





Treatment rationale – concept #3 („induction“)



Progression from EDSS 0-4 (inflammatory phase): 1-32 years

Progression from EDSS 4-7 (degenerative phase): 7-11 years



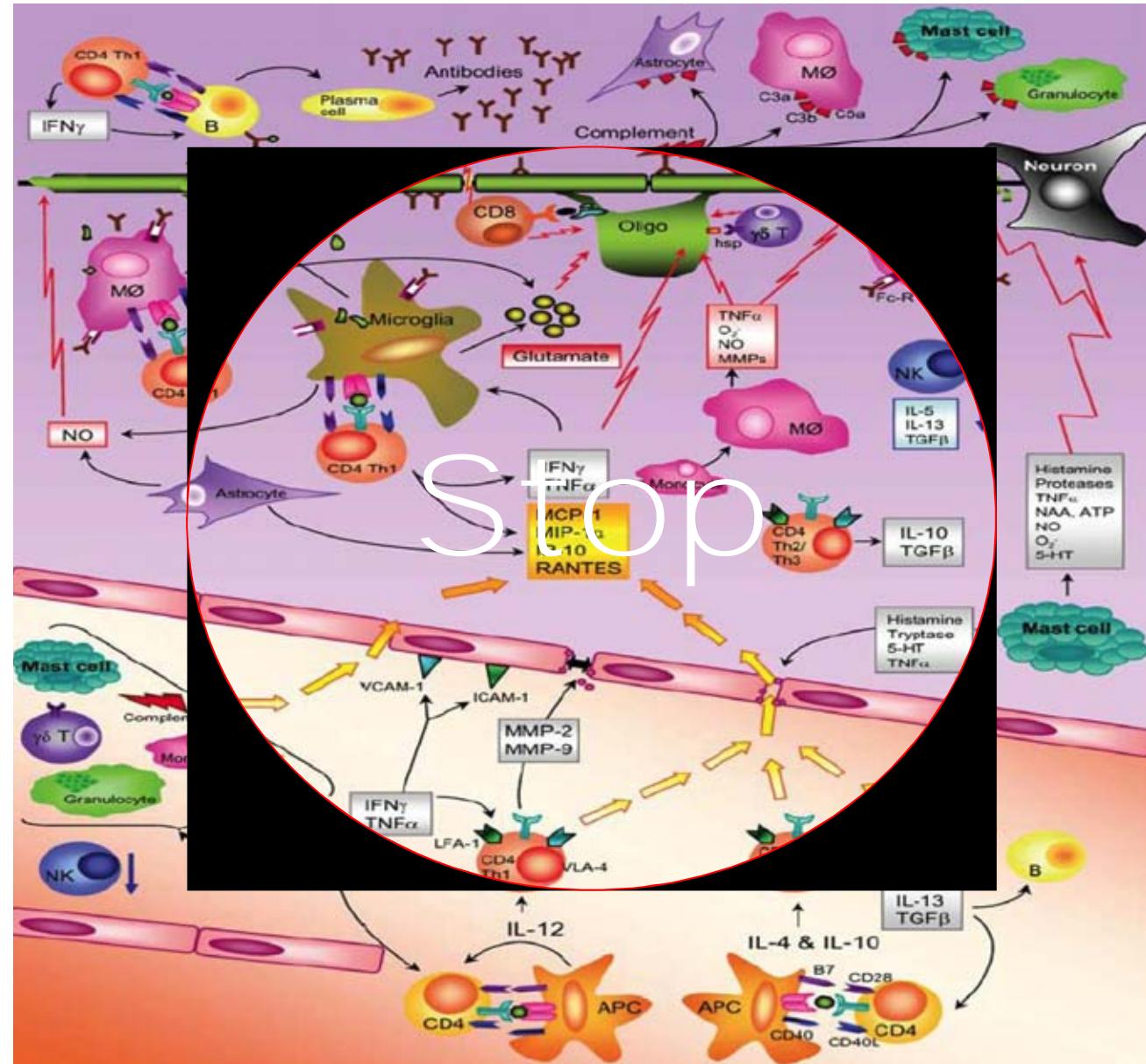
Immunological rationale of induction tx



Intense
Immunosuppression
(e.g. Alemtuzumab)

vs

Generation of a new
immune repertoire
(AHScTx)





Treatment

New approved DMT's in RRMS

European Commission Approves Genzyme's Multiple Sclerosis Treatment Lemtrada™ (alemtuzumab)

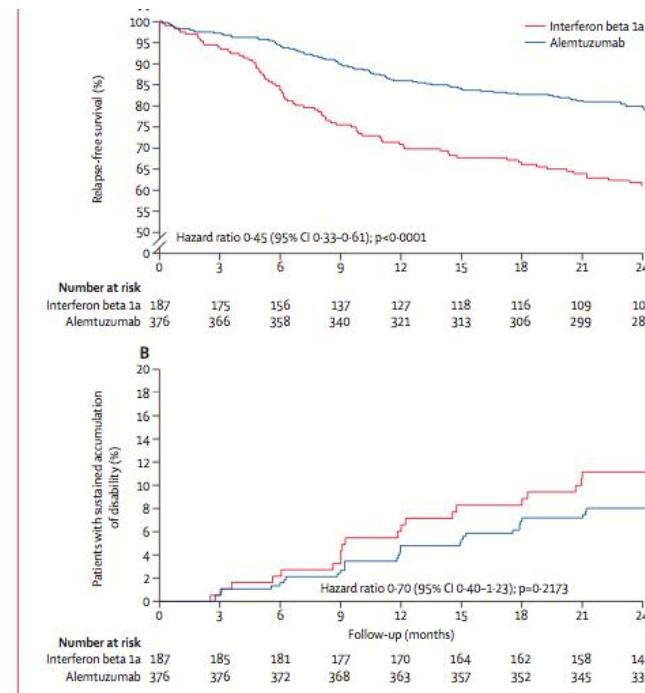
Paris, France – September 17, 2013

Lemtrada is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis (RRMS) with active disease defined by clinical or imaging features. Lemtrada 12 mg has a novel dosing and administration schedule of two annual treatment courses. The first treatment course of Lemtrada is administered via intravenous infusion on five consecutive days, and the second course is administered on three consecutive days, 12 months later.

Lancet 2012; 380: 1819-28

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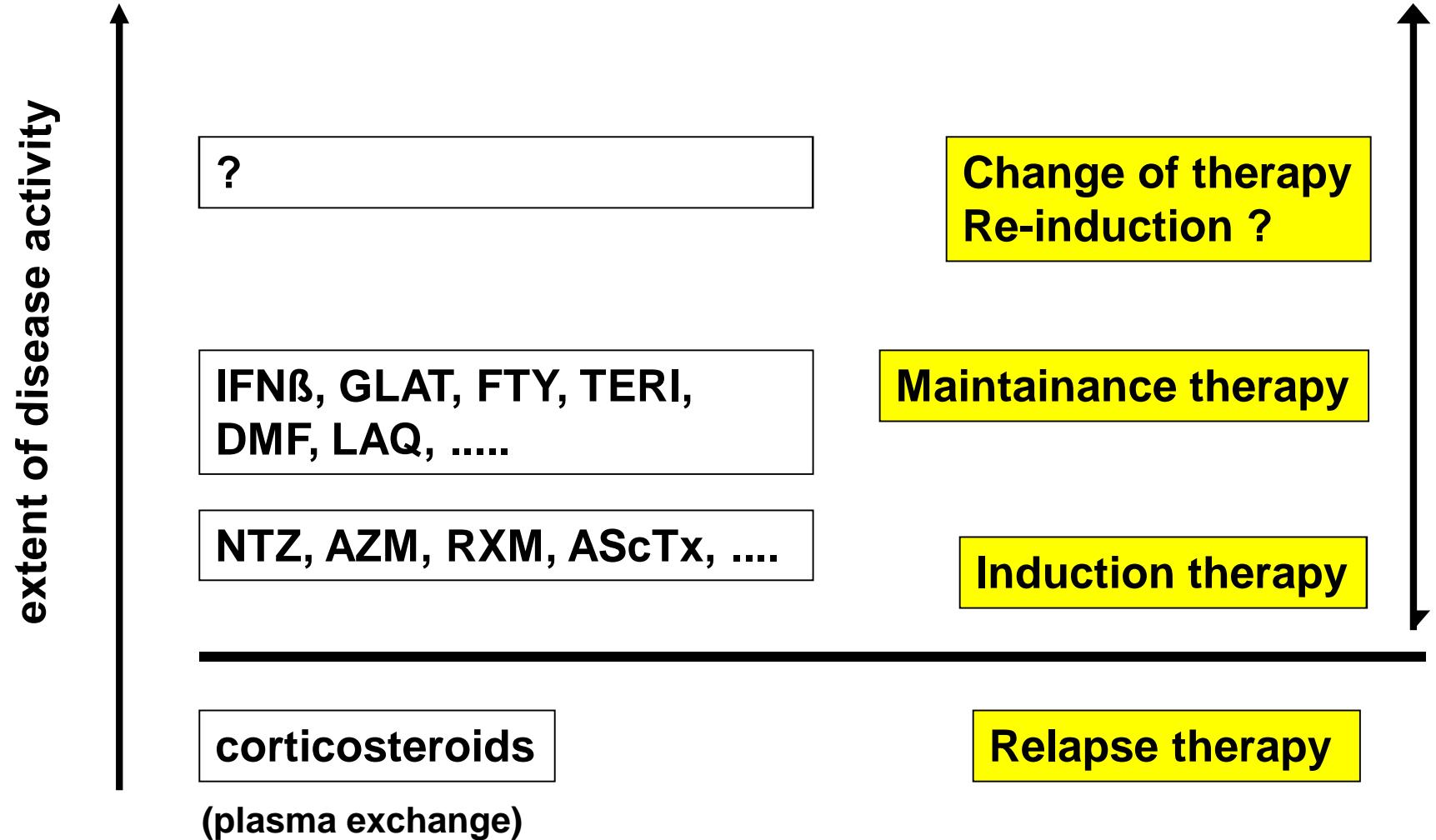
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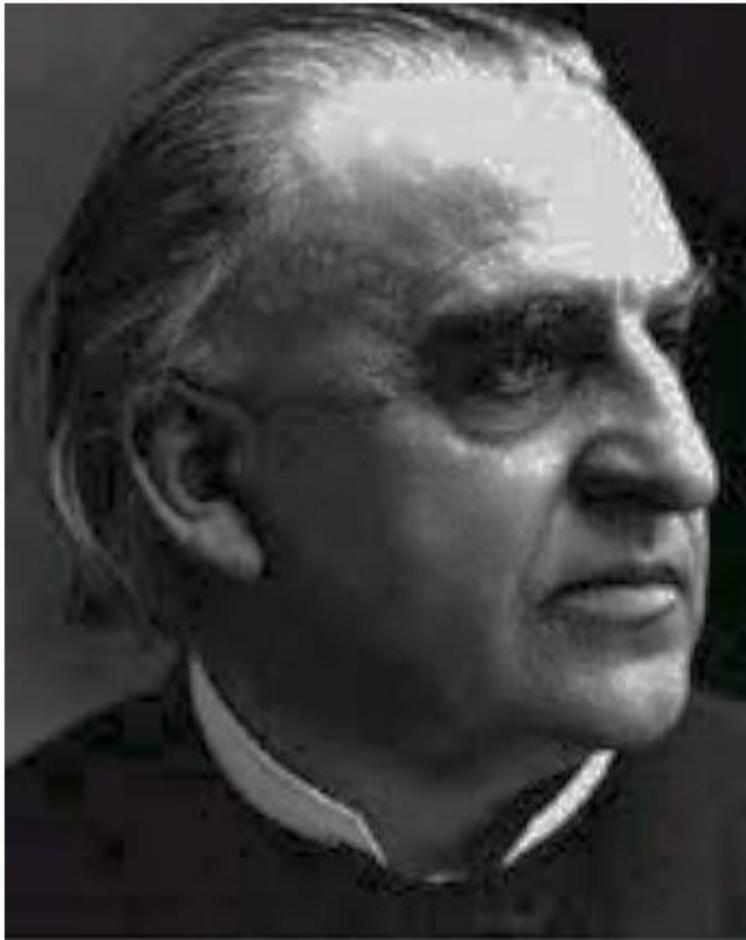
MS treatments: *Benefit-risk evaluation*

How to capture the benefit and minimize the risks ?





Diagnosis



To learn how to treat disease, one must learn how to recognize it. The diagnosis is the best trump in the scheme of treatment.

Jean Martin Charcot
1825-1893

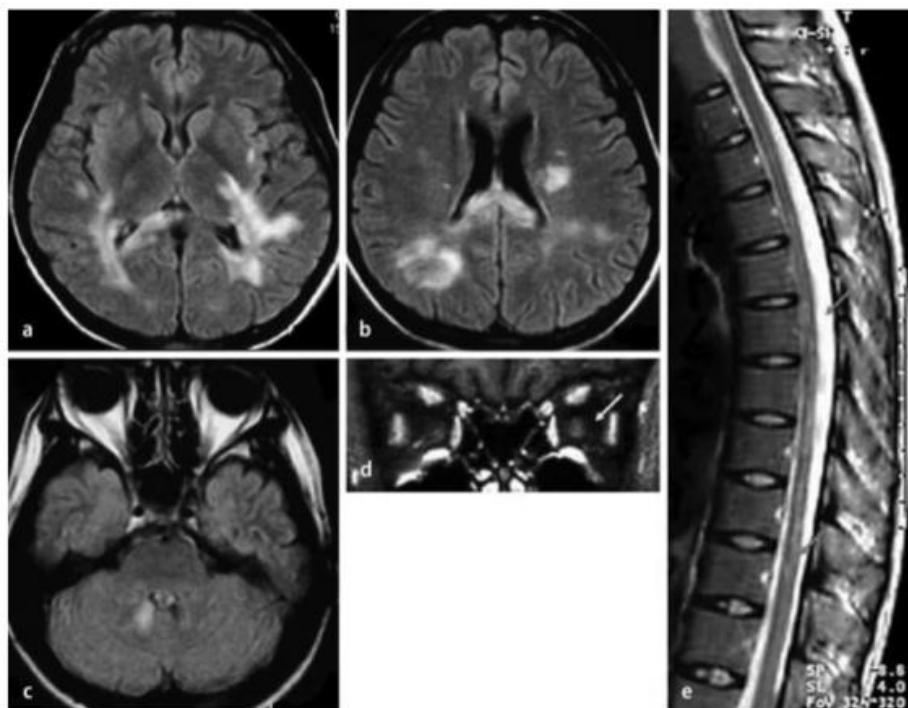


Neuromyelitis optica: DMT - interferon β

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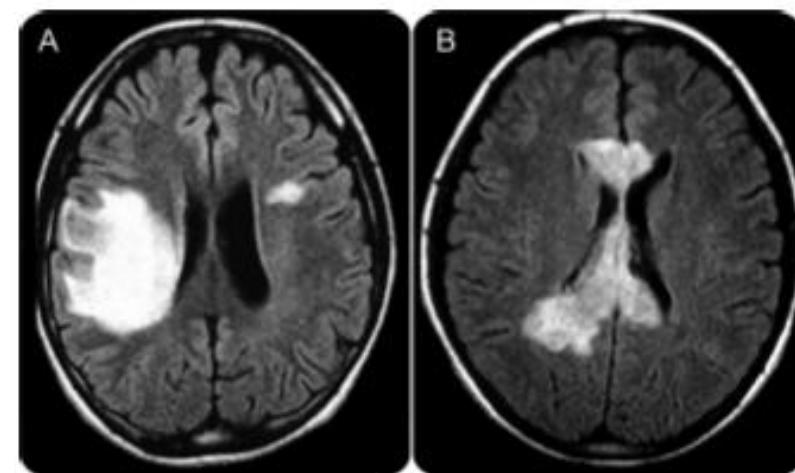
Development of extensive brain lesions following interferon beta therapy in relapsing neuromyelitis optica and longitudinally extensive myelitis



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IFN β -1b may severely exacerbate Japanese optic-spinal MS in neuromyelitis optica spectrum

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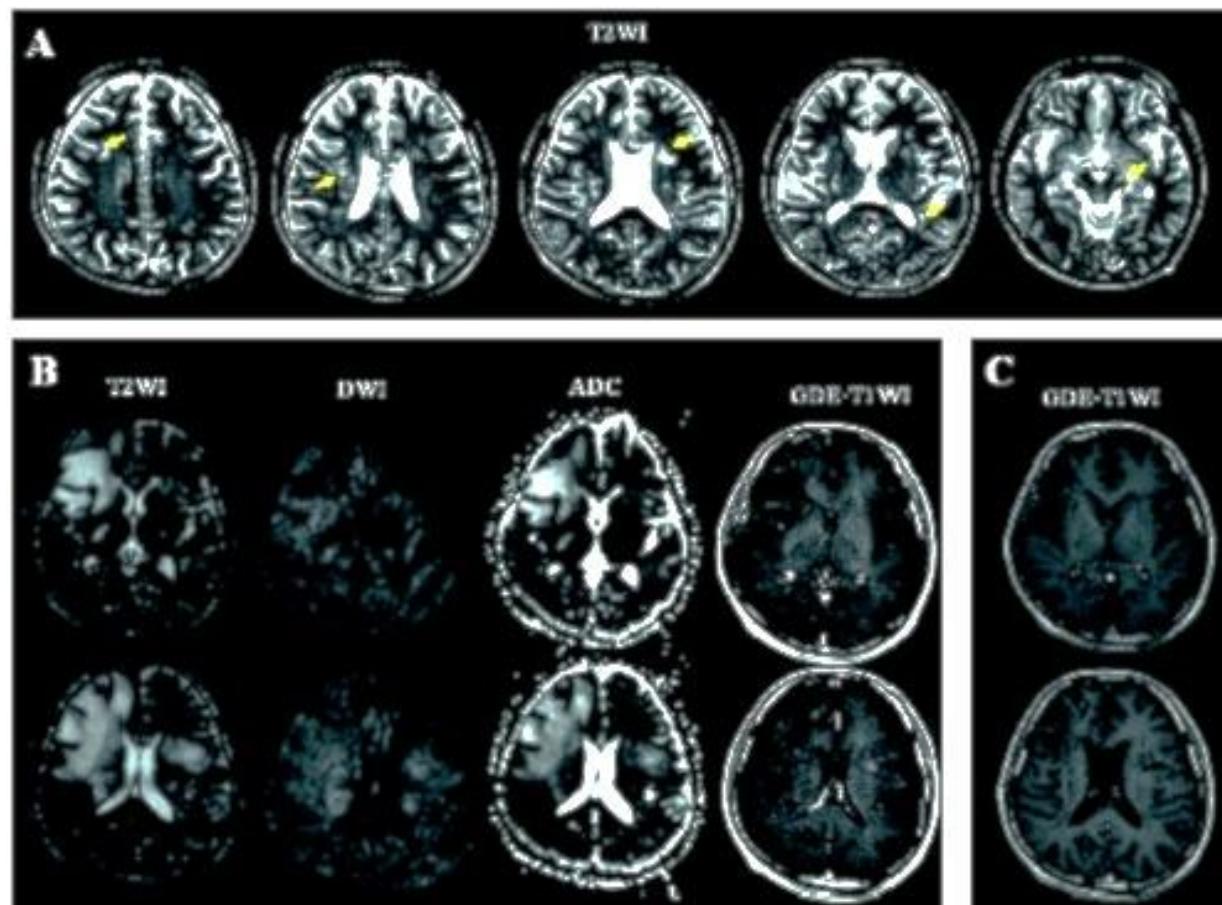


Neuromyelitis optica DMT – Fingolimod

Development of extensive brain lesions
during fingolimod (FTY720) treatment following
a patient with neuromyelitis optica
in a patient with multiple sclerosis

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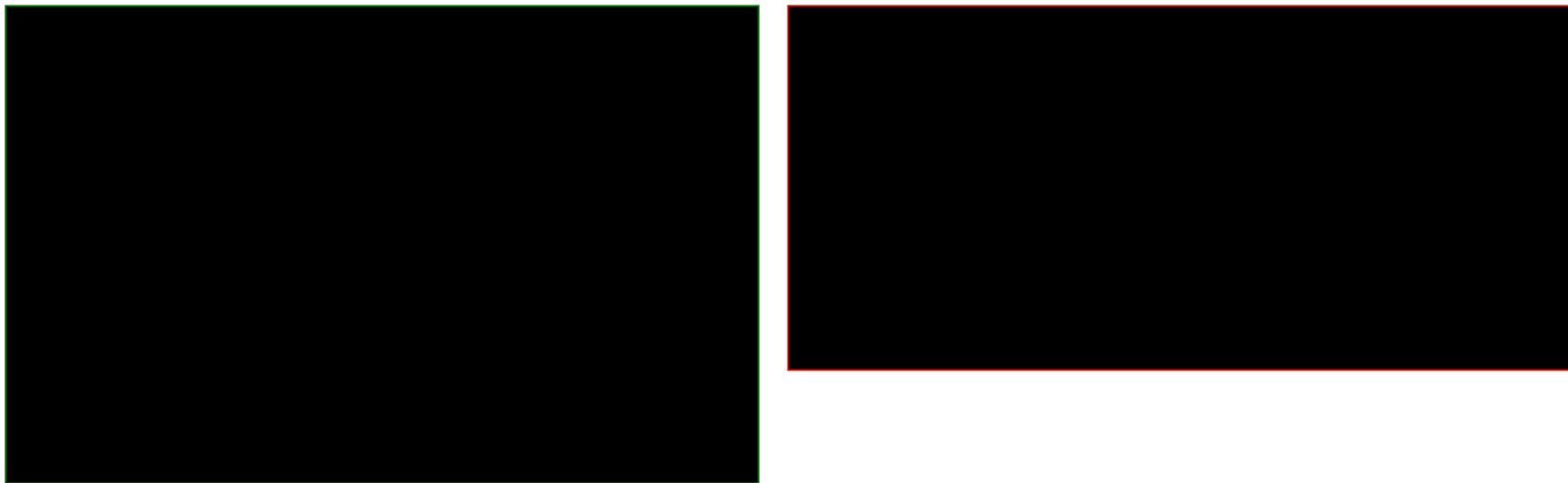
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Treatment

Individual benefit-risk evaluation



Drugs don't work in patients who don't take them.

— C. Everett Koop, M.D.



Therapeutic monoclonal antibodies

AE's and risks

Natalizumab	secondary activation of latent DNS virus - PML
Rituximab	reactivation of DNA virus - PML reactivation of Enterovirus - encephalitis
Alemtuzumab	„reconstitution autoimmunity“: ITP, thyroiditis, GPS reactivation of latent DNA virus, measles virus, CMV toxoplasmosis increased bacterial and fungal infections neoplasm ?
Daclizumab	reactivation of latent DNA virus - CMV bacterial and fungal infections (brain abscess)



Oral MS treatments

AE' s and risks

Fingolimod (FTY720) <i>Cohen et al, NEJM 2010</i> <i>Kappos et al NEJM 2010</i>	lymphopenia reactivation of latent DNA virus - VZV, HSV cardiovascular disorders (bradycardia, AV-block I° /II° , hypertension) maculaedema (neoplasms) teratogenic
Laquinimod <i>Comi et al, NEJM 2012</i>	abdominal/back pain
Teriflunomide <i>O'Connor et al, NEJM 2011</i>	lymphopenia hair loss teratogenic
DMF (BG-12) <i>Fox et al, NEJM 2012</i> <i>Gold et al, NEJM 2012</i>	Flushing GI (diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain)



Multiple sclerosis & pregnancy teratogenic DMT's

FTY classified as FDA pregnancy risk category C

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Fetal risk: Women of childbearing potential should use effective contraception during and for two months after stopping GILENYA treatment. (5.6)



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Aims & Goals

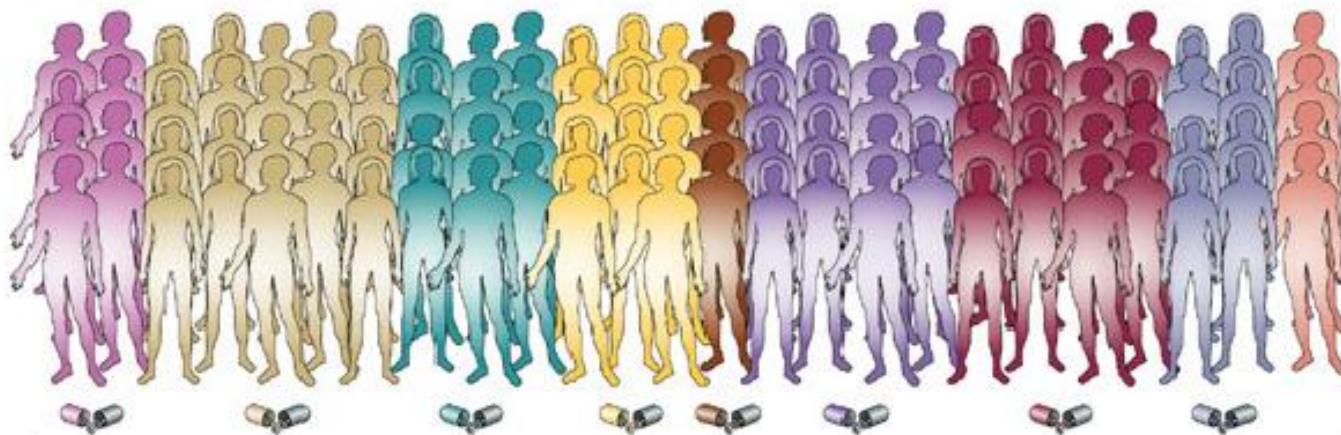
- uniform quality standard in Austria
- documentation of:
 - *indication and treatment monitoring*
 - *benchmarks of efficacy (ARR, EDSS)*
 - *(signals of) adverse events*
 - *sequential therapies*
 - *treatment frequency and adherence*
- transparent informations for MS centers
- Expert Statements
- product informations/news



Treatment rationale – the ultimative concept

Personalized MS treatment

**Giving the right drug to the right patient
at the right dose at the right time**





MS treatment decisions

Individual treatment road map

The only way to predict the future is to create the future

A. Morita

