Longer-Term Safety and Efficacy of Ofatumumab in People With Relapsing Multiple Sclerosis for Up to 6 Years

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Introduction and objective

- Ofatumumab, a fully human anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody with a 20 mg subcutaneous monthly dosing regimen, is approved for treating relapsing multiple sclerosis (RMS) in adults^{1,a}
- The phase 3 ASCLEPIOS I/II trials demonstrated the superiority of ofatumumab (up to 30 months) compared with teriflunomide in reducing the clinical and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) disease activity while maintaining a favorable safety profile in people with RMS (pwRMS)²
- Treatment with ofatumumab for up to 5 years^b showed sustained efficacy and a favorable safety profile during the ALITHIOS open-label extension study^{3,4}
- Longer-term safety and efficacy assessments are important to further understand of atumumab's benefit-risk profile in pwRMS

Objective: To assess the longer-term safety and efficacy of ofatumumab treatment for up to 6 years (data cutoff: 25-Sep-2023) in pwRMS

^aIn the United States, ofatumumab is indicated for the treatment of relapsing forms of MS, including clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing-remitting disease, and active secondary progressive disease, in adults.¹ ^bData cutoff: 25-Sep-2022. **MS**, multiple sclerosis; **pwRMS**, people with relapsing multiple sclerosis.

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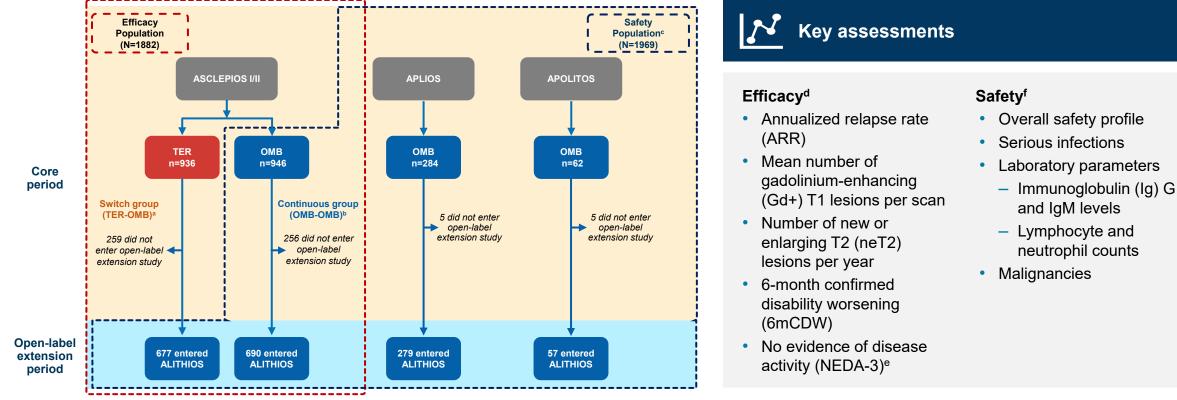
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Participant disposition and key assessments



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Baseline demographics and participant characteristics of both safety and efficacy population represent a typical phase 3 RMS population (please refer to backup slides for additional details on baseline characteristics)

^aSwitch group: Participants who were randomized to teriflunomide in ASCLEPIOS I/II and switched to ofatumumab during ALITHIOS. ^bContinuous ofatumumab group: Participants randomized to ofatumumab in ASCLEPIOS I/II and continuing ofatumumab in ALITHIOS. ^cSafety population: Participants who received ≥1 dose of ofatumumab in ASCLEPIOS I/II, APLIOS, APOLITOS, or ALITHIOS. ^dEfficacy outcomes were analyzed in efficacy analysis set (N=1882). ^eNEDA-3 is defined as no 6mCDW, no confirmed MS relapse, no neT2 lesions, and no Gd+ T1 lesions. ^fSafety outcomes were analyzed in the safety analysis set (N=1969).

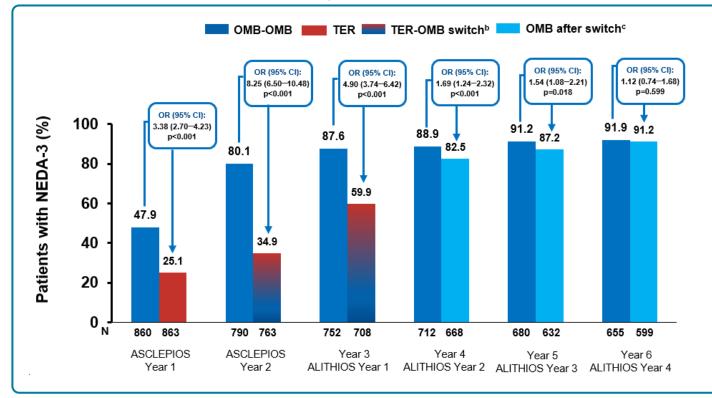
6mCDW, 6month confirmed disability worsening; Gd+, gadolinium-enhancing; Ig, immunoglobulin; MS, multiple sclerosis, NEDA, no evidence of disease activity; neT2, new or enlarging T2 lesions; OMB, ofatumumab; RMS, relapsing multiple sclerosis; TER, teriflunomide.



At Year 6, 9 of 10 participants were free of disease activity (NEDA-3) in the continuous and switch groups



NEDA-3^a status up to 6 years of ofatumumab treatment



- There was a rapid initial increase in NEDA-3 with continuous ofatumumab; high rates of NEDA-3 was maintained over 6 years
- Participants who were initially on teriflunomide had significantly lower NEDA-3 rates, but a rapid increase in NEDA-3 was observed after switching to ofatumumab

^aNEDA-3 is defined as no 6mCDW, no confirmed MS relapse, no neT2 lesions, and no Gd+ T1 lesions. ^bTER-OMB switch: Participants transitioning from teriflunomide to ofatumumab; due to event-driven core study design (flexible duration), participants transitioned at various exposure time points; i.e., the switch from teriflunomide to ofatumumab started from Year 2 and was completed by Year 3. ^oOMB after switch: Teriflunomide participants now on ofatumumab. OMB-OMB, continuous ofatumumab. N is the total number of participants in the treatment group excluding those who discontinued treatment early for reasons other than lack of efficacy or death and had NEDA before early discontinuation. **6mCDW**, 6month confirmed disability worsening; **CI**, confidence interval; **Gd+**, gadolinium-enhancing; **NEDA**, no evidence of disease activity; **neT2**, new or enlarging T2 lesions; **OMB**, ofatumumab; **OR**, odds ratio; **TER**, teriflunomide.

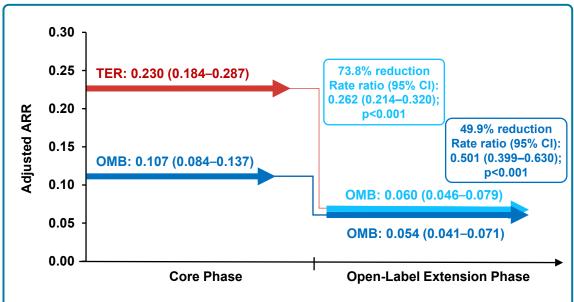
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A sustained low ARR^a was observed in participants receiving of atumumab for up to 6 years



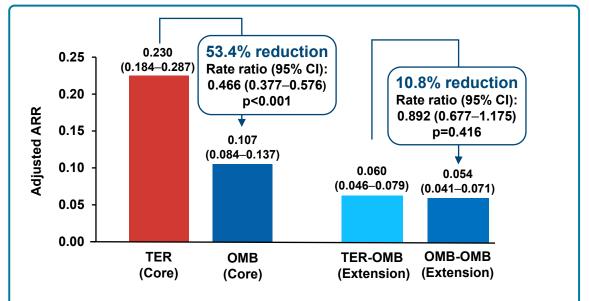
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Within-group comparison^b between the core and extension phase (continuous ofatumumab and switch groups)



- Continuous treatment with ofatumumab up to 6 years was associated with a significant reduction in ARR by 49.9%
- Switch from teriflunomide to ofatumumab resulted in a pronounced reduction in ARR (73.8%)

Between-group comparison^b between the core and extension phase (continuous ofatumumab and switch groups)



 A significant reduction in the ARR was observed for ofatumumab versus teriflunomide in the core ASCLEPIOS I/II studies, and both groups receiving ofatumumab in the extension study maintained a low ARR

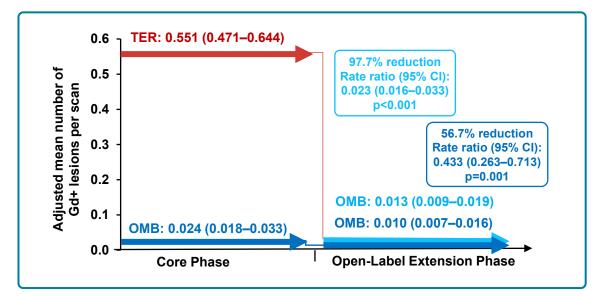
^aConfirmed relapses are those accompanied by a clinically relevant change in the EDSS. ^bARRs are obtained from fitting a piecewise negative binomial model for the time period core phase and extension phase with log-link, adjusted for treatment and region as factors and number of relapses in previous year, baseline EDSS, baseline number of Gd+ lesions, and the participant's age at baseline as covariates. The natural log of the time-in-study (in years) by period is used as offset to annualize the relapse rate in each period. Baseline variables are from the core study baseline. All p values are nominal p values. **ARR**, annualized relapse rate, **CI**, confidence interval; **EDSS**, Expanded Disability Status Scale; **Gd+**, gadolinium-enhancing; **OMB**, ofatumumab; **OMB-OMB**, continuous ofatumumab; **TER**, teriflunomide; **TER-OMB**, switch from teriflunomide to ofatumumab.

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Gd+ T1 lesion activity remained almost completely suppressed in participants receiving of atumumab for up to 6 years

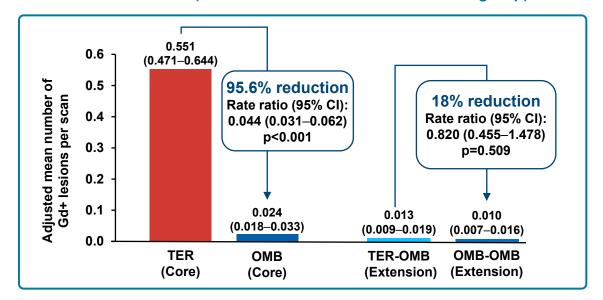


Within-group comparison^a between the core and extension phase for Gd+ T1 lesions (continuous ofatumumab and switch group)



- Continuous ofatumumab treatment was associated with a significant reduction in the mean number of lesions per scan by 56.7% with longer-term treatment
- Switch from teriflunomide to of atumumab resulted in an almost complete suppression of Gd+ T1 lesion activity (97.7%)

Between-group comparison^a between the core and extension phase for Gd+ T1 lesions (continuous ofatumumab and switch group)



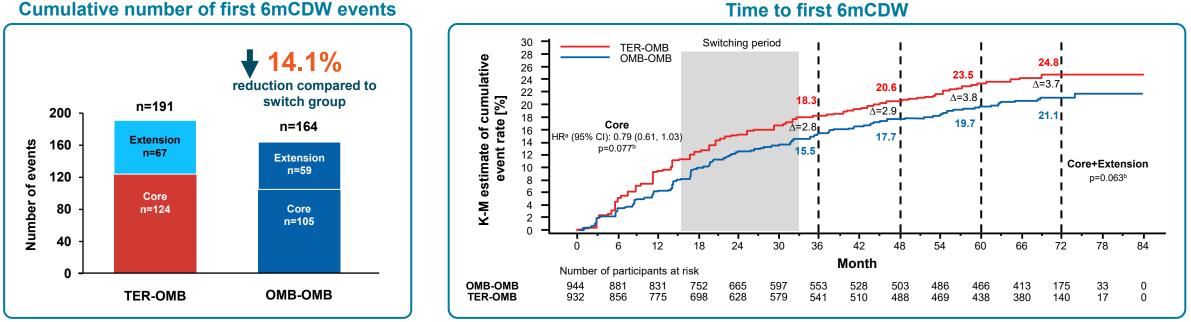
- A significant reduction in the mean number of Gd+ T1 lesions was observed for ofatumumab versus teriflunomide in the core ASCLEPIOS I/II studies
- Gd+T1 lesions were almost completely suppressed during the extension phase in both the continuous ofatumumab group and the switch group

^aEstimated from fitting a piecewise negative binomial model for the time period core phase and extension phase with log-link, adjusted for treatment as factor and baseline number of T1 Gd+ lesions and participant's age at baseline as covariates. The natural log of the number of scans with evaluable Gd+ lesion counts by period is used as offset to obtain the lesion rate per scan in each period. Baseline variables are from the core study baseline. All p values are nominal p values. **CI**, confidence interval; **Gd+**, gadolinium-enhancing; **OMB**, ofatumumab; **OMB-OMB**, continuous ofatumumab; **TER**, teriflunomide; **TER-OMB**, switch from teriflunomide to ofatumumab.

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Earlier of atumumab treatment was associated with a lower number of 6mCDW events up to 6 years





- Continuous use of ofatumumab for up to 6 years resulted in a sustained reduction of 6mCDW events versus the switch group, highlighting the efficacy benefit that cannot be recovered in those initially randomized to teriflunomide
 - Rates of 6-month progression independent of relapse activity (PIRA) were also lower at 6 years with continuous of atumumab versus switch from teriflunomide _
- Continuous of a special continuous of a second with a significantly lower number of 3mCDW events (p<0.05) up to 6 years

Cutoff for the core and extension phase refers to the first dose of ofatumumab in extension. Δ , Difference in K-M estimates (TER-OMB minus OMB-OMB). ^aHR was determined by Cox regression model. ^bp value represents log-rank test. 3mCDW, 3-month confirmed disability worsening; 6mCDW, 6-month confirmed disability worsening; CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; K-M, Kaplan-Meier; OMB, ofatumumab; OMB-OMB, continuous ofatumumab; TER, teriflunomide; **TER-OMB**, switch from teriflunomide to ofatumumab.

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Safety profile of ofatumumab remained consistent with up to 6 years of treatment



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Adverse event	Core, ASCLEPIOS ¹				Core + extension: Overall OMB, (N=1969)		
Auverse event	OMB, n (%)	OMB, EAIR (95% CI)	TER, n (%)	TER, EAIR (95% CI)	n (%)	EAIR (95% CI)	
Participants with at least one AE	791 (83.61)	188.55 (175.86–202.16)	788 (84.2)	188.92 (176.18–202.58)	1796 (91.2)	116.71 (111.44–122.24)	
Participants with at least one SAE	83 (8.77)	5.56 (4.48–6.89)	73 (7.8)	4.94 (3.93–6.21)	323 (16.4)	4.40 (3.94–4.91)	
AEs leading to ofatumumab discontinuation	54 (5.70)	_	49 (5.2)		148ª (7.5)	_	
Infections and infestations	488 (51.58)	51.14 (46.80–55.88)	493 (52.7)	52.59 (48.14–57.44)	1385 (70.3)	38.86 (36.87–40.97)	
Serious infections	24 (2.54)	1.55 (1.04–2.31)	17 (1.8)	1.12 (0.69–1.80)	115 (5.8)	1.48 (1.23–1.77)	
Serious infections (excluding COVID-19)	24 (2.54)	1.55 (1.04–2.31)	17 (1.8)	1.12 (0.69–1.80)	71 (3.6)	0.90 (0.72–1.14)	
Serious COVID-19 infections	0	0	0	0	49 (2.5)	0.62 (0.47–0.81)	
Injection-related systemic reactions	195 (20.61)	15.49 (13.46–17.83)	143 (15.3)	10.90 (9.25–12.84)	514 (26.1)	8.50 (7.79–9.26)	
Injection-site reactions	103 (10.88)	7.21 (5.94–8.74)	52 (5.55)	3.54 (2.70–4.65)	256 (13.0)	3.58 (3.17–4.05)	
Malignancies	5 (0.53)	0.32 (0.13–0.77)	4 (0.4) ^b	0.26 (0.10–0.69)	27 (1.4)	0.34 (0.23–0.49)	
Deaths	0		1 ^c		10 ^d (0.5)	_	

• Exposure-adjusted incidence rate (EAIR) per 100 patient-years (PYs) of adverse events (AEs) and serious adverse events (SAEs) with up to 6 years of ofatumumab treatment remained consistent with that in the ASCLEPIOS I/II trials, with no unexpected safety signals identified

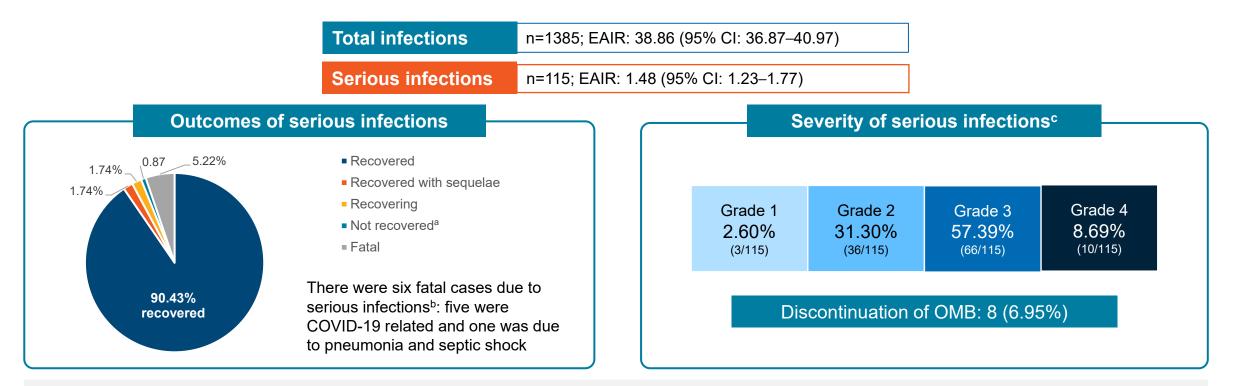
• The most common AEs were infections (COVID-19 [34.3%], nasopharyngitis [20.6%], upper respiratory tract infection [14.9%], and urinary tract infection [14.4%])

• EAIRs for malignancies did not increase over time in the overall safety population

EAIR per 100 PYs is defined as the expected number of patients with the given event over 100 years of exposure to a treatment, assuming the event rate is constant over time. This is estimated by Poisson regression where participants' time is taken until first event occurrence or the last day the patient was at risk for those who did not have the event. ^aAEs related to decreased IgM levels are the most common reason for treatment discontinuation (n=64 [3.3%]). ^bOne case of basal cell carcinoma was not listed as an SAE. ^cDeath was due to aortic dissection. ^dPTs for these 10 cases include: sudden death (n=1), cOVID-19 and COVID-19 pneumonia (n=1), COVID-19 (n=2), intestinal metastasis (n=1), gastric ulcer perforation (n=1), pneumonia and septic shock (n=1), and pneumothorax and COVID-19 pneumonia (n=1). **AE**, adverse event; **CI**, confidence interval; **EAIR per 100 PYs**, exposure-adjusted incidence rate per 100 patient-years; **Ig**, immunoglobulin; **OMB**, ofatumumab; **PT**, preferred term; **PY**, patient-years; **SAE**, serious adverse event; **TER**, teriflunomide. **1**. Hauser SL, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2020;383:546–557.

Incidence of serious infections remained stable over time and did not increase with ofatumumab treatment up to 6 years





The overall EAIR per 100 PYs of serious infections was consistent with that in the phase 3 ASCLEPIOS I/II trials (EAIR: 1.55) and did not increase with treatment up to 6 years despite the COVID-19 pandemic; the most common serious infections were COVID-19 (1.4%)/COVID-19 pneumonia (1.3%)^d and appendicitis (0.8%)^e

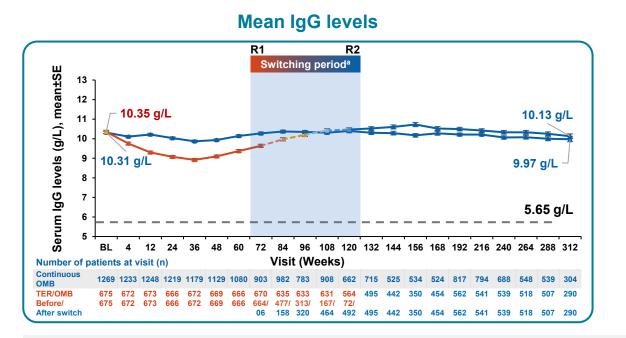
• One case of serious opportunistic infection of *Pneumocystis jirovecii*^f was reported; the final diagnosis was not confirmed by an external adjudication panel, and the clinical course was not suggestive of *P. jirovecii* pneumonia; the participant had no change in dosage or interruption of ofatumumab therapy, and fully recovered

^aAt the cutoff: 25-Sep-2023. ^bFive fatal cases were related to COVID-19 and the remaining case involved pneumonia and septic shock [n=1, unrelated to study drug; had medical history of kyphosis; treatment was discontinued due to pneumonia and septic shock]. ^cSeverity grading is done by the investigator based on CTCAE version 5.0. ^dThere were 49 COVID-19–related SAEs in total; one of them has PT of "suspected COVID-19," and a majority (85.71%) of the cases recovered. ^eAll cases of appendicitis recovered, and a majority of them were not related to ofatumumab treatment. ^fParticipant was suspected to have serious Grade 2 *P. jirovecii* pneumonia and was assessed by an independent external expert. **CI**, confidence interval; **EAIR per 100 PYs**, exposure-adjusted incidence rate per 100 patient-years; **n**, number of patients with at least one event; **OMB**, ofatumumab; **PT**, preferred term

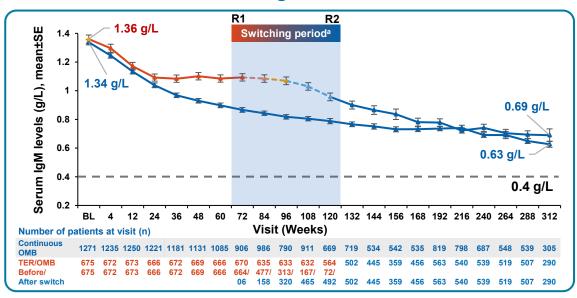
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Mean IgG levels remained stable up to 6 years of treatment; mean IgM levels decreased but remained above the LLN





Mean IgM levels



- The majority of the participants had lg levels above the lower limit of normal (LLN): 97.2% for lgG and 65.9% for lgM
- Treatment interruption/discontinuation was reported in 3 (0.2%)/4 (0.2%) participants due to low IgG, and 203 (10.3%)/71 (3.6%) participants due to low IgM
 - In ASCLEPIOS I/II, the investigators were required to interrupt study treatment if IgM levels fell 10% <LLN or IgG levels fell 20% <LLN; due to a protocol amendment at the beginning of ALITHIOS (June 3, 2021), the requirement to interrupt treatment based on a specific threshold due to low IgG/IgM was removed, and the decision was left to the discretion of the investigator
- No clinically meaningful association was observed between IgG/IgM levels <LLN and risk of serious infections</p>

^aSwitching period refers to the participants started on teriflunomide and not applicable to the participants on ofatumumab in the core period. For the teriflunomide/ofatumumab group, data from the first dose of teriflunomide until the last dose of ofatumumab plus 100 days or analysis cutoff date has been used. R1: The first participant with first treatment-emergent assessment in ofatumumab period after switching to ofatumumab (72 weeks); R2: The last participant with last treatment-emergent assessment in teriflunomide period before switching to ofatumumab (120 weeks). For all pooled analyses, a fixed value of LLN (using ALITHIOS study reference) was used: IgG: 5.65 g/L and IgM: 0.4 g/L. **BL**, baseline; **Ig**, immunoglobulin; **LLN**, lower limit of normal; **OMB**, ofatumumab; **PT**, preferred term; **SE**, standard error of the mean; **TER**, teriflunomide.

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- At Year 6, 9 of 10 participants were free of disease activity (NEDA-3) in both the continuous and switch groups
 - Participants who were initially treated with teriflunomide had initially significantly lower rates of NEDA-3, but these rates rapidly increased after switching to ofatumumab
- Continuous of atumumab treatment was associated with fewer confirmed disability worsening events up to 6 years versus switching from teriflunomide, supporting the long-term benefit of earlier initiation of of atumumab, which cannot be recovered in those initially randomized to teriflunomide
- The sustained efficacy of ofatumumab for up to 6 years was accompanied by a consistent safety profile, with no unexpected safety signals
 - The rate of AEs, SAEs, serious infections, and malignancies **remained stable** with no increased risks over 6 years
- Mean IgG levels remained stable, whereas mean IgM levels decreased but remained above the LLN; no clinically meaningful association between reductions in Ig levels and risk of serious infections was observed

These results support the long-term, favorable benefit–risk profile of ofatumumab treatment (up to 6 years) and reinforce the benefit of early ofatumumab initiation in pwRMS

AE, adverse event; Ig, immunoglobulin; LLN, lower limit of normal; NEDA, no evidence of disease activity; pwRMS, people with relapsing multiple sclerosis; SAE, serious adverse event.

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Backup slides

Baseline demographics and disease characteristics of the safety population^a



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	Continuous	Newly switch	ned OMB (N=677)	Overall OMB	
	OMB (N=1292)	Baseline from core study	Baseline from extension study	(N=1969)	
Age, years	38.0±9.06	38.2±9.22	40.1±9.21	38.7±9.16	
BMI, kg/m ²	25.61±6.16	25.69±5.83	25.61±5.85	25.61±6.05	
Female, n (%)	889 (68.8)	456 (67.4)	456 (67.4)	1345 (68.3)	
Time since MS symptom onset, years	8.48±7.33	8.06±7.21	9.94±7.23	8.98±7.33	
Time since diagnosis, years	5.87±6.31	5.45±6.00	7.33±6.01	6.37±6.25	
EDSS score at baseline	2.90±1.33	2.77±1.32	2.82±1.46	2.88±1.38	
IgG levels at baseline, g/L	10.31± 2.24 ^b	10.35±2.09°	10.23±2.14°	10.28±2.21	
IgM levels at baseline, g/L	1.34± 0.65 ^d	1.36±0.74 ^e	1.14±0.67 ^e	1.27±0.66	
Median duration of time at risk, years	4.7	4.1	4.1	4.3	
Total time at risk, PYs	5535.5	2507.2	2507.2	8042.7	

Data presented as mean±SD, unless otherwise mentioned.

^aParticipants who received ≥1 dose of ofatumumab in ASCLEPIOS I/II, APLIOS, APOLITOS, or ALITHIOS from the first dose of ofatumumab in either the core or extension period. ^bNumber of participants at baseline, n=1269.

°Number of participants at baseline, n=675. ^dNumber of participants at baseline, n=1271. ^eNumber of participants at baseline, n=675.

For newly switched OMB participants, their baseline values from extension study contribute to the overall of atumumab baseline values.

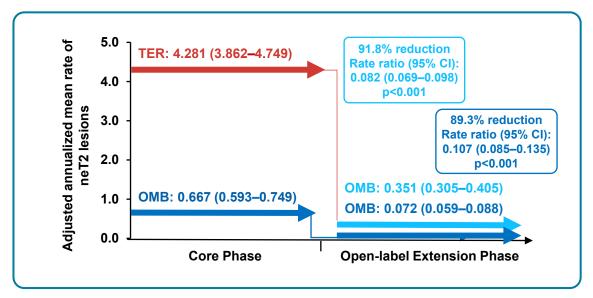
BMI, body mass index; EDSS, Expanded Disability Status Scale; Ig, immunoglobulin; MS, multiple sclerosis; OMB, ofatumumab; PY, patient-year; SD, standard deviation.

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A profound and sustained reduction in neT2 lesions was observed in participants receiving of atumumab for up to 6 years

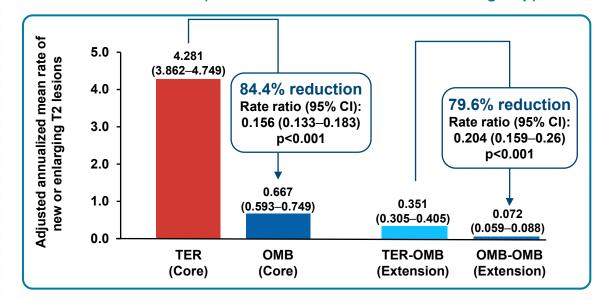


Within-group comparison^a between the core and extension phase for neT2 lesions (continuous ofatumumab and switch group)



- The within-group analysis showed that **continuous use of ofatumumab** was associated with a reduction in the neT2 lesions by 89.3% with longer-term treatment
- Switch from teriflunomide to ofatumumab resulted in a pronounced reduction in the number of neT2 lesions (91.8%)

Between-group comparison^a between the core and extension phase for neT2 lesions (continuous ofatumumab and switch group)



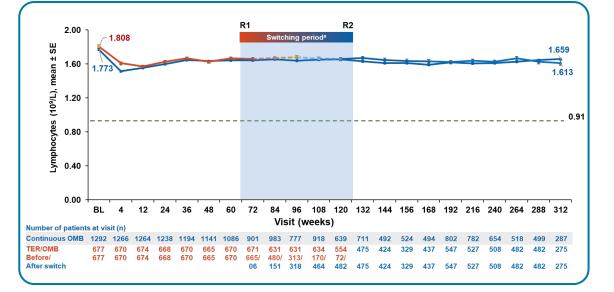
 The significant relative reduction in the mean rate of neT2 lesions observed for ofatumumab versus teriflunomide in the core ASCLEPIOS I/II studies was also seen in the extension phase, despite the overall reduced number of lesions, reflecting the known "carry over" effect on this outcome

^aEstimated from fitting a piecewise negative binomial model for the time period core phase and extension phase with log-link, adjusted for treatment as factor, baseline volume of T2 lesions and participant's age at baseline as covariates. The natural log of the time-in-study (in years) by period is used as offset to annualize the lesion rate in each period. Baseline variables are from the core study baseline. All p values are nominal p values. **CI**, confidence interval; **neT2**, new or enlarging T2; **OMB**, ofatumumab; **OMB-OMB**, continuous ofatumumab; **TER**, teriflunomide; **TER-OMB**, switch from teriflunomide to ofatumumab.

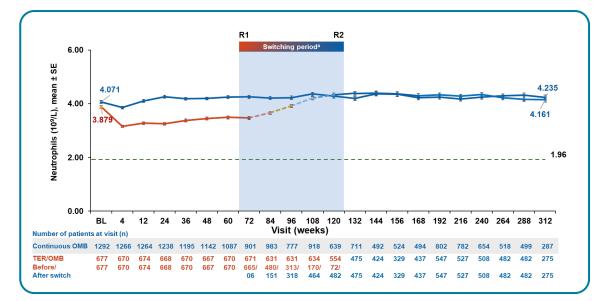
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Lymphocyte and neutrophils level remained stable throughout 6 years of treatment





Lymphocyte levels



Neutrophil levels

A transient decline in the mean lymphocyte levels was observed up to Week 4 (% change: continuous, -11.9%; switch, -8.2%), followed by an increase back to close to baseline levels in continuous and newly switched groups through Week 312

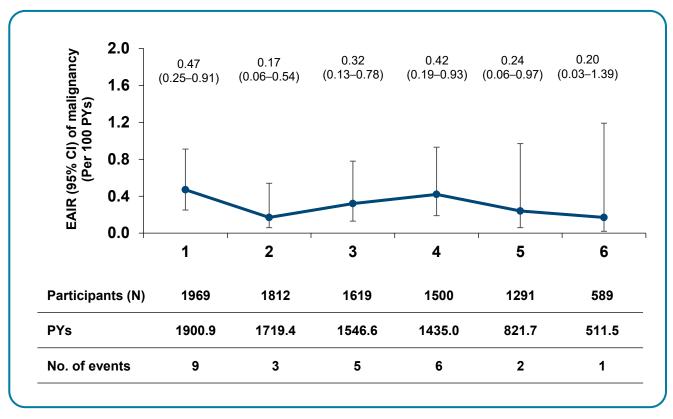
The mean neutrophil levels remained stable and above baseline for all visits up to Week 312 (% change: continuous, 17.3%; switch, 15.7%), with rapid increase in levels after switching from teriflunomide to ofatumumab

^aSwitching period refers to the participants started on teriflunomide and not applicable to the participants on ofatumumab in the core phase. For the teriflunomide/ofatumumab group, data from the first dose of teriflunomide until the last dose of ofatumumab plus 100 days or analysis cutoff date has been used. R1: The first participant with first treatment-emergent assessment in ofatumumab period after switching to ofatumumab (72 weeks); R2: The last participant with last treatment-emergent assessment in teriflunomide period before switching to ofatumumab (120 weeks). For all pooled analyses, a fixed value of LLN (using ALITHIOS study reference) was used: lymphocytes: 0.91 10⁹/L and neutrophils: 1.96 10⁹/L. **BL**, baseline; **LLN**, lower limit of normal; **OMB**, ofatumumab; **SE**, standard error of the mean; **TER**, teriflunomide.

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EAIR of malignancy by year in overall safety population



- EAIRs for malignancies did not increase over time
- Cumulatively (core+extension), malignancies were reported in 26 participants^a (1.32%; EAIR [95% CI]: 0.32 [0.22–0.48])
- Median (range) onset time since the first dose of ofatumumab was 843.5 days (31^b-1931 days)

^aAnother case of non-serious malignancy (squamous cell carcinoma) was reported. ^bOne event with time-to-onset of 31 days was Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma recurrent.

The 27 malignancies cases include breast and nipple neoplasms malignant (n=11), cervix neoplasm malignant (n=1), colorectal neoplasms malignant (n=1), metastases to specified sites (n=2), esophageal neoplasms malignant (n=2), neoplasms malignant (n=2), neoplasms malignant site unspecified NEC (n=2), non-Hodgkin's lymphomas NEC (n=1), ovarian neoplasms malignant (excluding germ cell) (n=1), renal neoplasms malignant (n=2), skin melanomas (excluding ocular) (n=1), skin neoplasms malignant and unspecified (excluding melanoma) (n=5); n is the number of participants, and a participant can have >1 malignancy at a time.

CI, confidence interval; EAIR per 100 PYs, exposure-adjusted incidence rate per 100 patient-years; OMB, ofatumumab.

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