

**#0983: Effect of Ofatumumab Treatment on Disability Progression Independent of Relapse Activity in Patients With Relapsing Multiple Sclerosis****Authors**

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**Background and aims**

Ofatumumab, the first fully human anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody with a monthly 20 mg subcutaneous (s.c.) regimen, demonstrated superior efficacy versus teriflunomide in the Phase 3 ASCLEPIOS I/II trials in relapsing multiple sclerosis (RMS) patients. Here, we present data on the treatment effect of ofatumumab versus teriflunomide on progression independent of relapse activity (PIRA).

**Methods**

In the ASCLEPIOS I/II pooled analysis, the risk of confirmed disability progression at 3/6 months (3mCDP/6mCDP; Expanded Disability Status Scale [EDSS] score increase of  $\geq 1.0$  if baseline EDSS score  $< 6.0$ , or  $\geq 0.5$  if baseline EDSS score  $\geq 6.0$ ) was evaluated in three subsets of patients: (A) without confirmed relapses during the study, (B) without confirmed relapses during the study or prior to a 3mCDP/6mCDP event, and (C) with secondary progressive multiple sclerosis diagnosis at study-entry and without confirmed relapses during the study. Hazard ratios (HRs) and p-values were calculated by a Cox-regression model adjusted for study as stratum, for treatment, region, and baseline EDSS score as covariates. An inverse probability censoring weighted (IPCW) analysis, censoring patients with confirmed relapses prior to a 3mCDP/6mCDP event, was also performed.

**Results**

Ofatumumab significantly reduced the risk of 3mCDP and 6mCDP versus teriflunomide in all subsets analysed, except for 6mCDP in the small Subset-C (Table). IPCW estimation of PIRA confirmed a risk reduction of 46.0% for 3mCDP (HR [95%CI]: 0.540 [0.396–0.738],  $p < 0.001$ ) and 42.5% for 6mCDP (0.575 [0.409–0.808],  $p = 0.001$ ) versus teriflunomide.

Disability-related outcomes	Ofatumumab 20 mg n/N	Teriflunomide 14 mg n/N	HR (95% CI)	Risk reduction	p-value
<b>3mCDP</b>					
Subset-A	50/793	67/661	0.587 (0.407–0.848)	41.3%	0.004
Subset-B	53/796	82/676	0.516 (0.365–0.729)	48.4%	<0.001
Subset-C	6/46	11/37	0.312 (0.114–0.859)	68.8%	0.024
<b>6mCDP</b>					
Subset-A	42/793	53/661	0.632 (0.421–0.947)	36.8%	0.026
Subset-B	45/796	66/674	0.551 (0.377–0.805)	44.9%	0.002
Subset-C	6/46	8/37	0.463 (0.159–1.355)	53.7%	0.160

Results of treatment comparison obtained from a Cox-regression model adjusted for study as stratum, for treatment, region, and baseline EDSS score as covariates. Subset-A: Patients without confirmed relapses during the study; Subset-B: Patients without confirmed relapses during the study or prior to a 3mCDP/6mCDP event; Subset-C: Patients with a SPMS diagnosis at study entry and without confirmed relapses during the study. 3mCDP: disability progression confirmed at 3 months; 6mCDP: disability progression confirmed at 6 months; CI: confidence interval; EDSS: Expanded Disability Status Scale; HR: hazard ratio; %: total number of patients included in the analysis; n: number of patients with the specified event; SPMS: secondary progressive multiple sclerosis.

Table. Risk of 3mCDP and 6mCDP by patient subsets

**Conclusion**

Ofatumumab 20 mg s.c. monthly dosing regimen markedly reduced disability progression independent of relapses versus teriflunomide in RMS patients.

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