

# SPRINT-MS/NN 102 Phase II Trial of Ibudilast in Progressive MS: Top-Line Results



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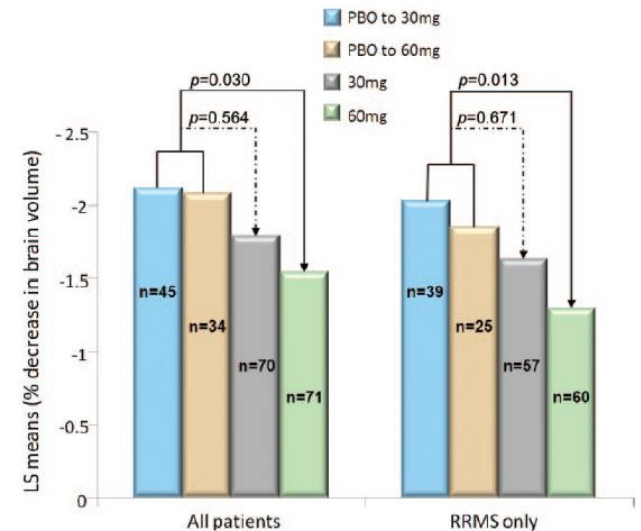
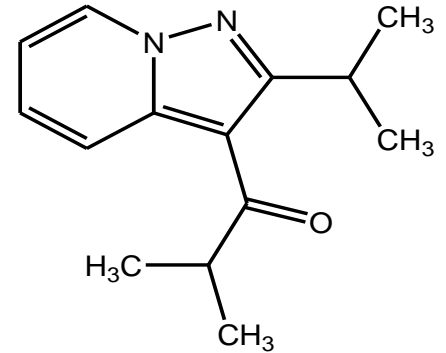
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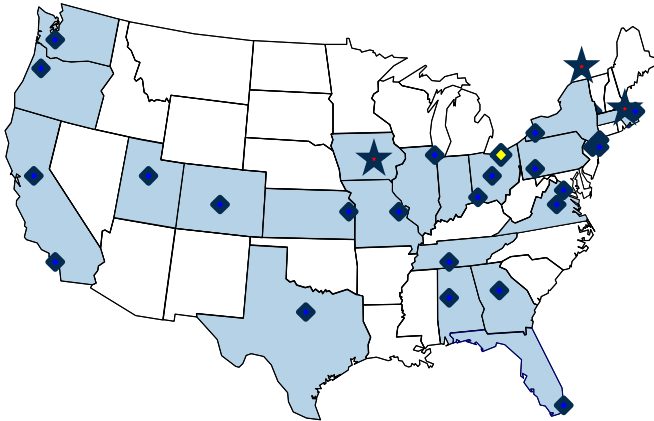
# Ibudilast (MN-166, AV411)

- Orally-available small molecule
  - Macrophage migration inhibitor factor (MIF) inhibitor
  - Phosphodiesterase(PDE)-4 and PDE-10 inhibitor
  - Toll-like receptor 4 inhibitor
- Approved in Japan in 1989
  - Bronchial asthma
  - Post-stroke dizziness
- Reduces atrophy progression and black hole formation in RRMS
- Animal models suggest neuroprotection:
  - Krabbe's disease
  - Spinal cord injury
  - Traumatic brain injury
  - Chronic neuropathic pain
  - Cerebral aneurysm



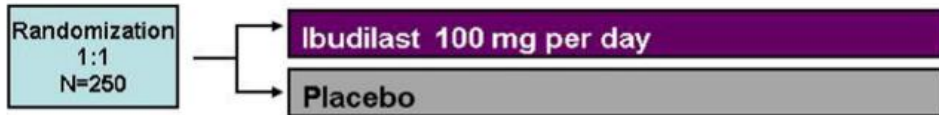
Barkhof et al, Neurol 2010

# Study Overview



- ◆ 28-site, phase II trial
- ◆ NIH-sponsored NeuroNEXT network
- ◆ 3T MRIs – GE, Siemens

Year 1                      Year 2



EDSS/MSFC	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓			
PROMs	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓			
Blood tests	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
OCT	✓				✓				✓			
LP (optional)	✓						✓			✓		
Brain MRI												
Study week	0	4	8	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	100

- Inclusion:
  - Age 18-65 years
  - PPMS or SPMS
  - Typical MS lesions on brain MRI (Swanton's Criteria)
  - EDSS 3.0-6.5
  - Disability progression in the preceding 2 years (EDSS, 25FW, 9HPT)
  - Concurrent treatment with IFN or GA allowed
- Exclusion:
  - Current use of any other DMT

# Study Endpoints

- Primary:
  - Brain atrophy – Brain Parenchymal Fraction (BPF)
  - Safety – AEs, SAEs
  - Tolerability – early discontinuation
- Secondary
  - Magnetization Transfer Ratio – normal-appearing tissue
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# Design and Analysis

- 1:1 Randomization
  - Ibudilast (60, 80, or 100mg/d, as tolerated)
  - Matching placebo
  - Stratified by disease (PPMS/SPMS) and DMT (untreated or on IFN/GA)
- Modified Intent-to-Treat
  - Randomized, received  $\geq 1$  dose study medication,  $\geq 1$  MRI efficacy assessment
  - Sensitivity analysis: per-protocol population
- Analysis:
  - Linear mixed effect model (MRI)
  - Logistic regression model or Fisher's Exact test (safety and tolerability)
  - Alpha: 0.1

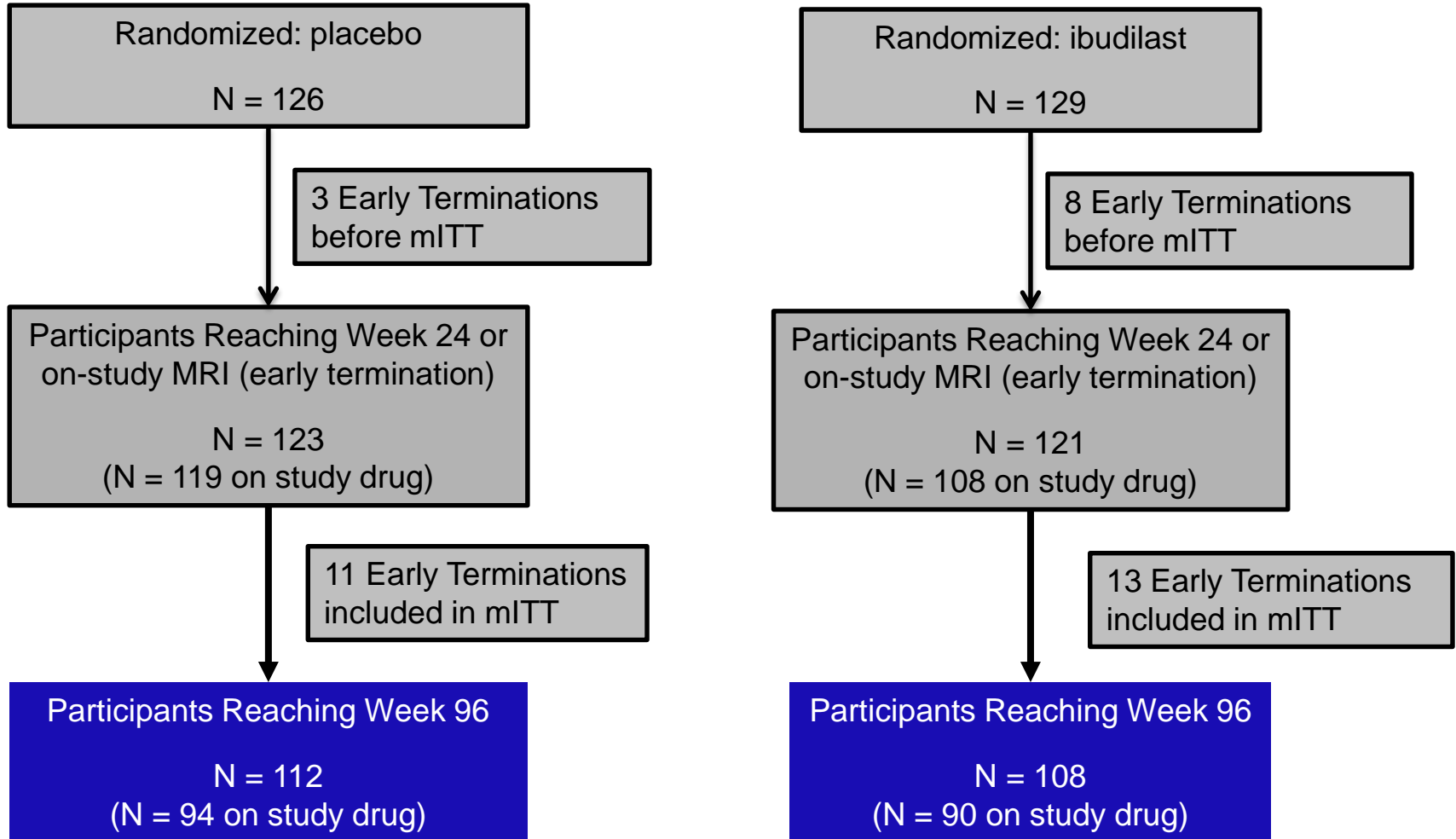


# Baseline characteristics

	Placebo (n = 126)	Ibudilast (n = 129)	P-value
<b>Age (yrs)</b>	<b>57 (6.5)</b>	<b>55 (7.8)</b>	<b>0.02</b>
Females	69 (55%)	67 (52%)	0.71
Caucasian	114 (91%)	122 (95%)	0.79
<b>Disease type (% SPMS)</b>	<b>60 (48%)</b>	<b>61 (47%)</b>	<b>0.96</b>
<b>Disease duration (yrs)</b>	<b>11.7 (9.0)</b>	<b>12.2 (9.3)</b>	<b>0.65</b>
EDSS	<b>5.38 (1.09)</b>	<b>5.43 (1.09)</b>	<b>0.74</b>
On DMT (IFN or GA)	40 (32%)	40 (31%)	0.90

<b>BPF</b>	<b>0.80 (0.0295)</b>	<b>0.80 (0.0298)</b>	<b>0.75</b>
DTI - LD (Left)	1.24 (0.049)	1.25 (0.057)	0.23
DTI - LD (Right)	1.24 (0.057)	1.25 (0.062)	0.14
DTI - TD (Left)	0.56 (0.045)	0.55 (0.040)	0.054
DTI - TD (Right)	0.56 (0.045)	0.54 (0.042)	0.042
MTR – NABT	0.31 (0.31)	0.29 (0.25)	0.58
MTR – NAGM	-0.28 (0.30)	-0.31 (0.23)	0.35

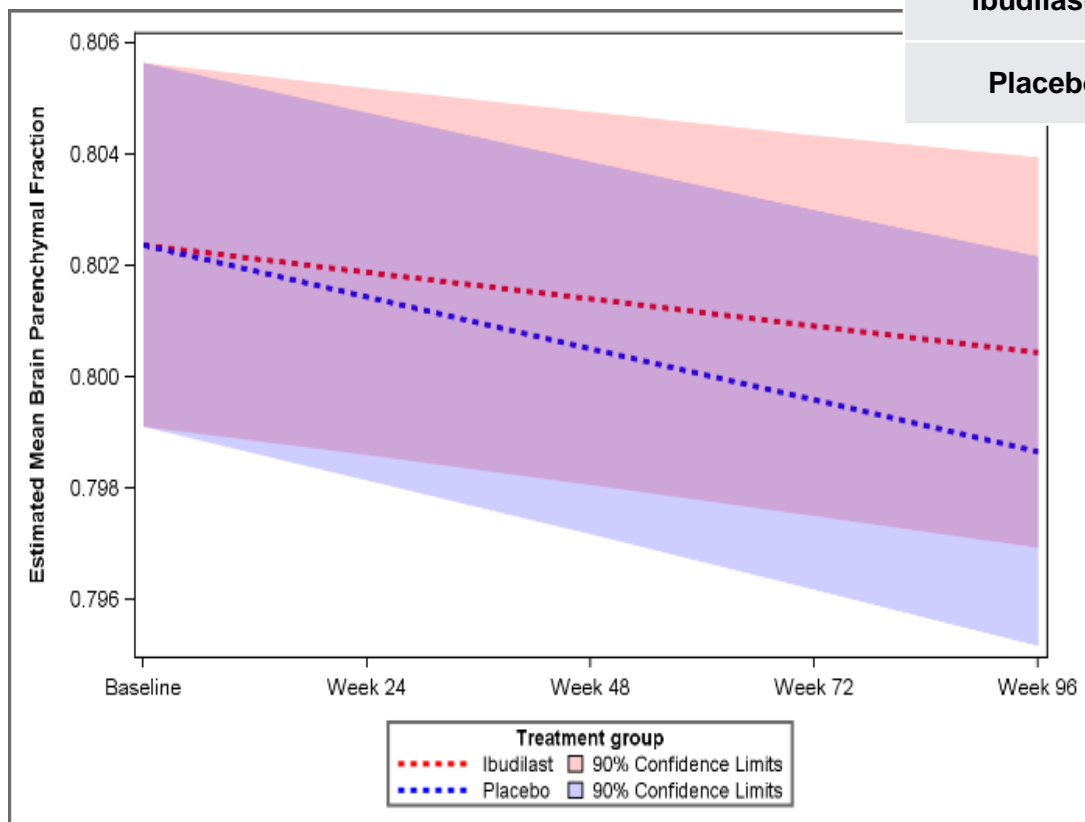
# Participant Disposition



86% overall retention rate through Week 96

# Primary Objective 1: BPF

Estimated Rate of Annual BPF Change		
Treatment Group	Estimate (90% CI)	P-Value
Ibudilast	-0.00105 (-0.00160, -0.00049)	0.040
Placebo	-0.00202 (-0.00256, -0.00147)	



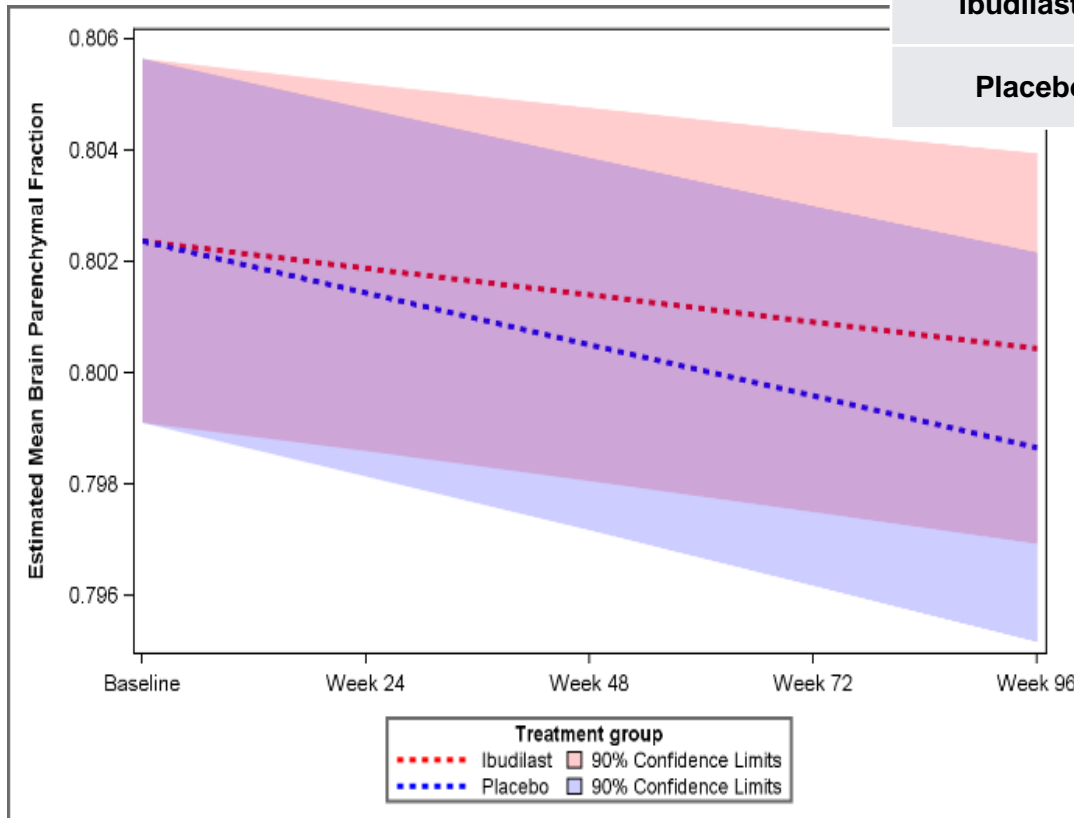
*Primary results show significant difference in slope of BPF over time.*

*Treatment with ibudilast was associated with a 48% slowing in rate of decline.*

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## Per Protocol Analysis:

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Treatment Group	Estimate (90% CI)	P-Value
Ibudilast	-0.00101 (-0.00159, -0.00043)	0.045
Placebo	-0.00200 (-0.00258, -0.00143)	



*Results of sensitivity analysis are consistent with findings from primary analysis.*

# Primary Objective 2: Safety

## Treatment Emergent Adverse Events:

	Placebo	Ibudilast	p-value
<b>Any Adverse Event</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>0.26</b>
<b>Gastrointestinal System Organ Class</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>0.050</b>
- Nausea	15%	27%	0.020
- Diarrhoea	7%	16%	0.027
- Abdominal Pain	0%	5%	0.030
- Abdominal Pain, Upper	0%	4%	0.060
- Vomiting	2%	7%	0.098
<b>Other</b>			
- Depression (Psychiatric)	3%	9%	0.048
- Upper Respiratory Tract Infection (Infections)	19%	10%	0.045
- Neck Pain (Musculoskeletal)	3%	0%	0.058
- Skin Infection (Infections)	6%	1%	0.062

AEs with a group difference of  $p < 0.1$

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## Treatment Related Adverse Events:

	Placebo	Ibudilast	p-value
<b>Any Adverse Event</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>0.002</b>
Gastrointestinal SOC	20%	41%	0.0003
- Nausea	9%	23%	0.004
Investigations SOC	6%	14%	0.05
Nervous System SOC	8%	16%	0.064
Skin & Subcutaneous Tissue SOC	4%	9%	0.097
Other			
- Fatigue (General)	1%	5%	0.096
- Atrioventricular Block First Degree (Cardiac)	3%	0%	0.058
- Neck Pain (Musculoskeletal)	3%	0%	0.058
- Skin Infection (Infections)	6%	1%	0.062

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SOC – System Organ Class

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## Serious Adverse Events – 58 SAEs (in 44 participants)

### Assessment by Independent Medical Monitor

- 2 Related & Anticipated
  - 1 Placebo (Thrombocytopenia)
  - 1 Ibudilast (Ataxia)
- 0 Related & Unanticipated
- 22 Not Related & Unanticipated:

#### **10 Ibudilast:**

Nephrolithiasis x 2  
Cervical Carcinoma Stage 0  
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Fracture  
Hypercalcaemia  
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Pain  
Rotator Cuff Syndrome

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- No reports of suicidality or suicidal attempts

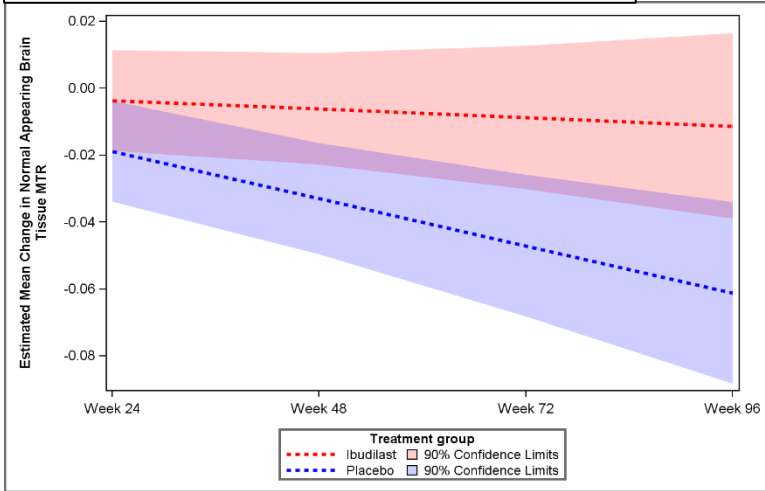


# Primary Objective 2: Tolerability

	<b>Placebo</b>	<b>Ibudilast</b>	<b>p-value</b>
<b>Discontinue Treatment</b>			
- Any Reason	25%	30%	0.39
- Due to AE	12%	18%	0.18
<b>Early Study Terminations</b>			
- Any Reason	11%	16%	0.28
- Due to AE	4%	8%	0.29
<b>Early Drug Withdrawal</b>			
- Any Reason	16%	18%	0.74
- Due to AE	9%	12%	0.42

# Major Secondary Objective: MTR

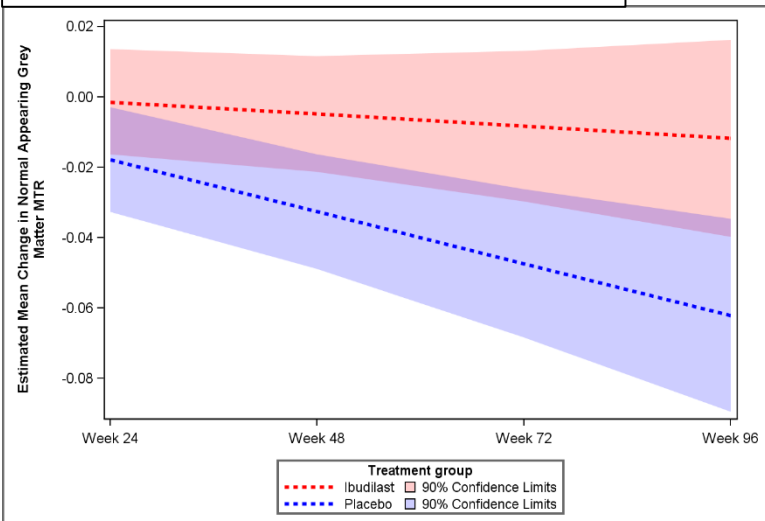
## Normal-appearing Brain Tissue



Estimated Rate of Change Per 1 Yr		
Treatment Group	Estimate (90% CI)	P-Value
Ibudilast	-0.00558 (-0.02297, 0.01181)	0.047
Placebo	-0.03064 (-0.04767, -0.01362)	

*Significant difference in slope in both MTR measures.*

## Normal-appearing Gray Matter

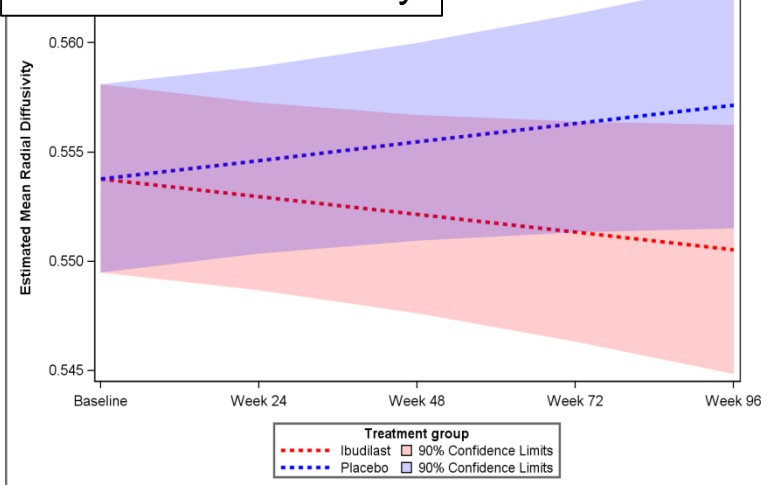


Estimated Rate of Change Per 1 Yr		
Treatment Group	Estimate (90% CI)	P-Value
Ibudilast	-0.00753 (-0.02565, 0.01059)	0.054
Placebo	-0.03210 (-0.04988, -0.01433)	

*Treatment with ibudilast was associated with an 77-82% slowing in rate of MTR decline.*

# Major Secondary Objective: DTI

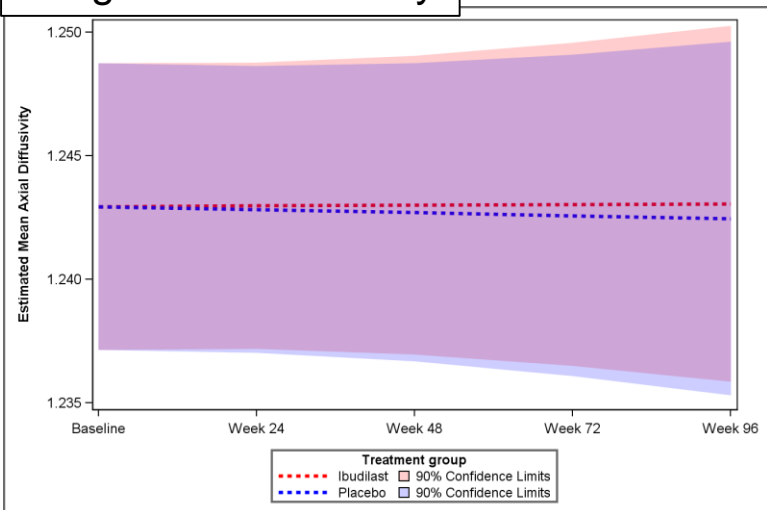
Transverse diffusivity



Estimated Rate of Change Per 1 Yr		
Treatment Group	Estimate (90% CI)	P-Value
Ibudilast	-0.00157 (-0.00417, 0.00102)	0.15
Placebo	0.00160 (-0.00096, 0.00416)	

*No significant difference observed in either DTI measure.*

Longitudinal diffusivity



Estimated Rate of Change Per 1 Yr		
Treatment Group	Estimate (90% CI)	P-Value
Ibudilast	0.00009 (-0.00285, 0.00303)	0.73
Placebo	-0.00076 (-0.00367, 0.00214)	

# Overall Conclusions

- Compared to placebo, ibudilast treatment was associated with 48% slowing in the rate of atrophy progression
  - A similar benefit was seen with MTR, but not DTI
- Treatment-related adverse events were mostly gastrointestinal, as well as rash, depression, and fatigue
- No increased rate of SAEs
  - No opportunistic infections or cancer signal
- No statistically significant difference in tolerability
  - ~5% higher discontinuation rate in ibudilast group

*Analysis of OCT, cortical atrophy, and clinical outcomes is underway, as well as additional safety and laboratory analyses.*