

Novel Composite Endpoint Extended Analysis During Extension of Ibudilast Phase 1b / 2a Clinical Trial Better Predicts Post-Wash-Out Survival

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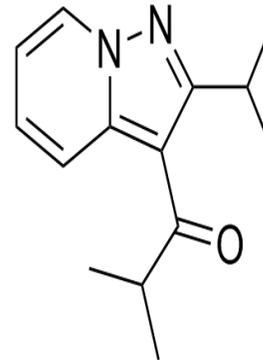
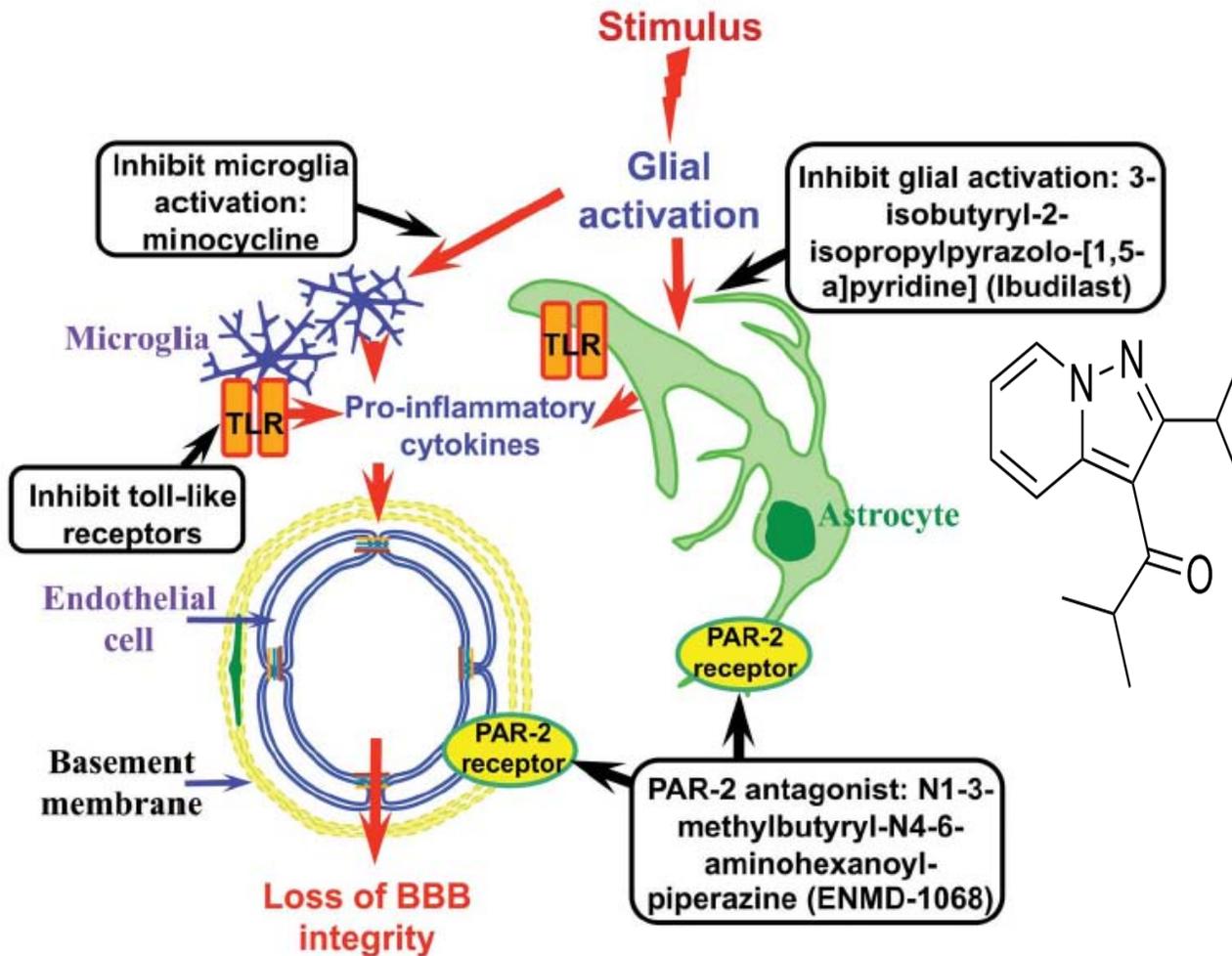
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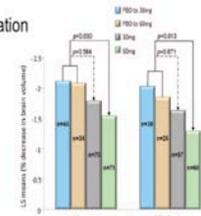
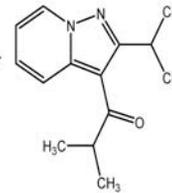
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Ibudilast (MN-166, AV411)

- 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

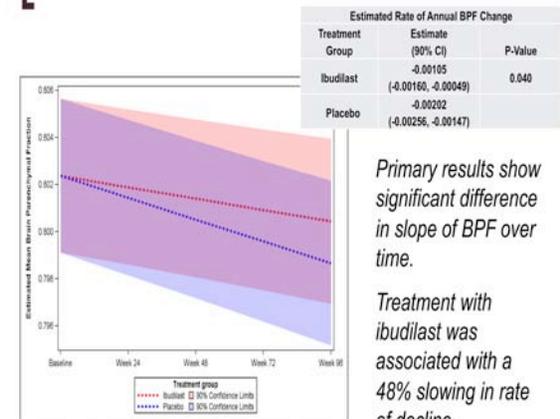


Barkhof et al, Neuro 2010

Brain Atrophy is Clinically Relevant During Disease Progression



Primary Objective 1: BPF



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

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





The challenges associated with molecular targeted therapies for glioblastoma

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Abstract Glioblastoma (GBM) is the most aggressive malignant brain tumor in adults. Improvements in the treatment of GBM have remained static since the advent of the standard therapy which includes radiation with concurrent and adjuvant temozolomide treatment. Developing treatment and diagnostic or companion biomarker combinations is transforming the way we treat numerous cancers. However, can this emerging paradigm be also effective for GBM? Can GBM be treated the same way as other cancers? Here we review the challenges for a personalized molecular targeted therapeutic approach in GBM. The specific challenges for establishing a personalized molecular targeted medicine program for GBM patients include overcoming the blood brain barrier, unravelling the intra- and inter-heterogeneity that exists and the importance of developing more relevant animal models that recapitulate a patient's GBM tumor.

5 years. GBM are highly refractory to treatment with local tumor recurrence occurring 2–3 cm from the original resection cavity (the area exposed to radiation treatment) frequently observed. Relapsed GBMs are difficult to manage with a median survival of only a few months after recurrence [1]. Increasingly, the development of novel therapies in involve defining drug-diagnostic combinations where the presence of a molecular target or marker identifies patients who are most likely to respond to a specific therapy. This model of developing treatment and diagnostic/companion biomarker combinations is the emerging paradigm for novel drug and diagnostic development [2–4] with a recent example being the use of BRAF inhibitors, which target a specific activating mutation of BRAF (V600E) in melanoma [5]. GBM is characterized by inter- and intra-patient genomic and histopathological diversity, arising from the complex dynamics that underpin its development. Given this, a single “bullet” approach is unrealistic.

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P01.20 Treatment of recurrent glioblastoma with the cytokine inhibitor, ibudilast in combination with temozolomide

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Abstract

BACKGROUND: Recurrence in patients with glioblastoma (GBM) is inevitable, even in patients with 0–6–Methylguanine–DNA Methyl Transferase (MGMT) methylation. We identified increased expression of the inflammatory cytokine, Macrophage Inhibitory Factor (MIF) and its receptor CD74 in patients with recurrent tumours. High levels of MIF and CD74 were associated with poor overall survival in GBM patients. This study aims to determine efficacy of Ibudilast (AV411; 3-isobutyryl-2-isopropylpyrazolo-[1,5-a]pyridine) to block MIF expression and decrease tumour burden. Ibudilast is an anti-inflammatory drug that was developed for the treatment of bronchial asthma.

METHODS: The patient derived cell lines (PDCLs) RN1 (MGMT unmethylated), BAH1 (MGMT methylated), and HW1 (MGMT methylated) were treated *in vitro* with different concentrations of ibudilast in combination with temozolomide (TMZ). Patient derived xenograft (PDX) models of GBM were developed and treated with the combination of

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Ibudilast Pharmacology

Target Engagement

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Riluzole Pharmacology

Riluzole currently slows the rate of loss of ALSFRS-R by 25-28% when administered at 50mg-twice-daily to achieve levels of 30-1552 ng/mL corresponding to 0.15-6.6 μ M (Groeneveld, 2003).

Tissue levels are 10-fold higher (Milane, 2009) providing *in vivo* levels that permit multiple pharmacological activities including

CREB-mediated enhancement of neurotrophic factors
(Tsuchioka, 2011)

CREB-mediated glutamate transport activation
(Hayashida, 2010)

Riluzole has weak phosphodiesterase (PDE) inhibitor activity
(Duprat, 2000).

NCT02238626 Background

Enhance Riluzole Pharmacology

Both riluzole and some PDE inhibitors reduce infarct size following transient cerebral artery occlusion (O'Neill, 1997).

Ibudilast, achieves this reduced infarct size at serum levels achievable in humans (Lee, 2011).

Decreased Cytokine Production by Microglia

Reduction in TNFalpha production by activated microglia (Kiebala, 2011, Hama,2012) and astrocytes (Yoshikawa, 2002).

Inhibition Matrix Metalloproteinase-9

Inhibition of matrix metallo-proteinase-9 (Yagi, 2010) which may be a key factor in ALS progression (Kaplan, 2014).

Ibudilast Pharmacology - Target Engagement

Ibudilast Biochemistry IC₅₀

PDE4A - 0.05 μM
PDE4B - 0.06 μM
PDE4C - 0.24 μM
PDE4D - 0.17 μM

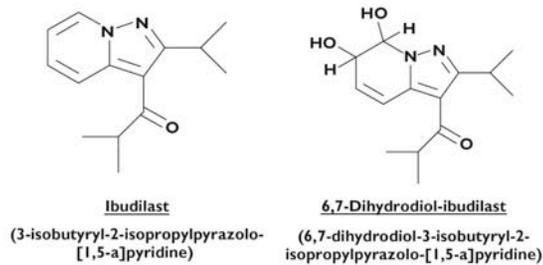
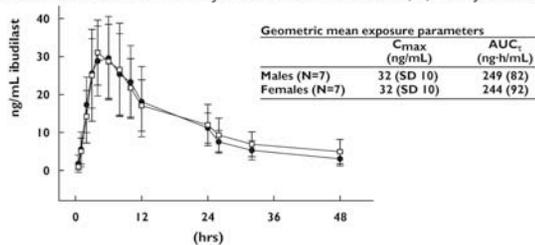
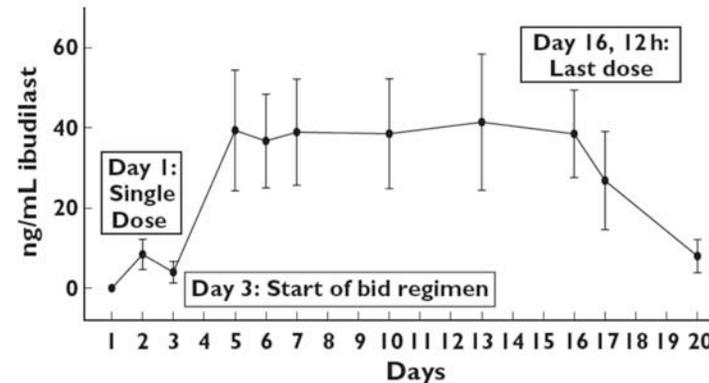


Figure 1

Chemical structure of ibudilast and its major oxidative metabolite, 6,7-dihydrodiol-ibudilast



Chronic daily oral administration of Ibudilast at 30mg twice-daily in humans can achieve peak [0.25 μM] and trough [0.15 μM] serum levels (Yoon, 2009). Brain and spinal cord levels of Ibudilast are higher (Sanftner, 2009).



Ibudilast Pharmacology

Figure 3

Mean trough plasma concentrations of ibudilast. Trough ibudilast plasma concentrations from *n* = 14 subjects receiving a 30-mg single administration on day 1, followed by *n* = 10 subjects receiving 30 mg b.i.d. from day 3 to day 16. Data represents mean (± SD)

Adaptive Protocol

- Early Cohort (EC)

- DB - OLE -12 months

- Vital Status post Ibudilast Washout

Methods

Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Inclusion:

- Age 18-80 years
- Diagnosis of familial or sporadic ALS
- ALS with onset of ≤ 5 yrs for EC
- SVC $\geq 60\%$
- Currently on stable dose of Riluzole

Exclusion:

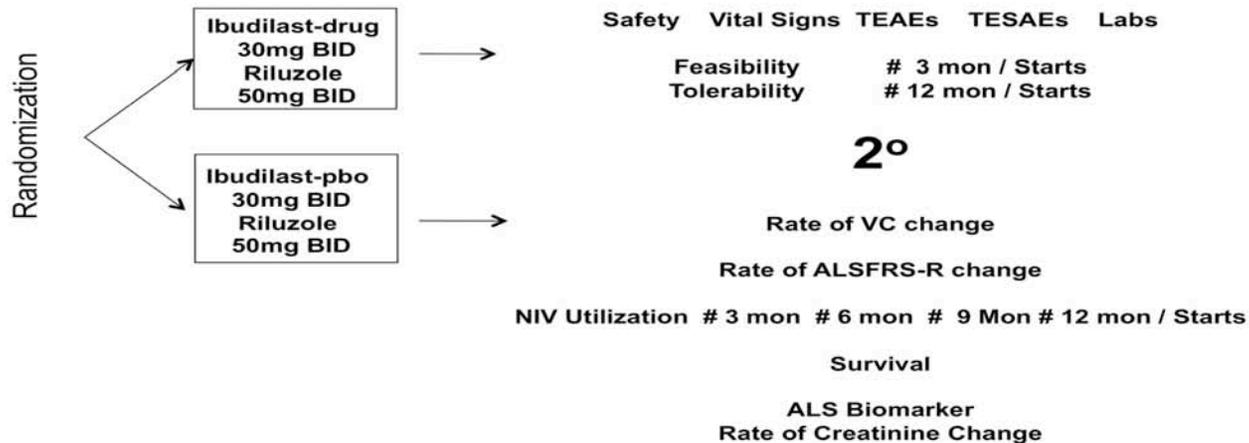
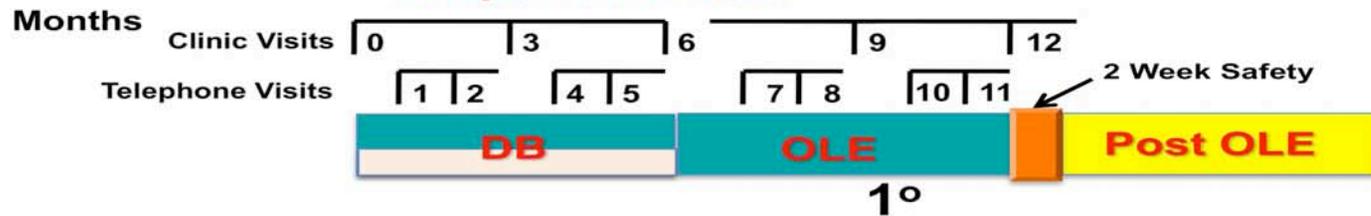
- Use of Tracheostomy, invasive mechanical ventilation, Non-invasive ventilation NIV
- $> 3\%$ predicted loss in post-diagnosis VC per month or
- > 1 unit loss in post diagnosis ALSFRS-R total score per month

Methods

MN-166-ALS-1201 Adaptive Design Protocol

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Adaptive Protocol



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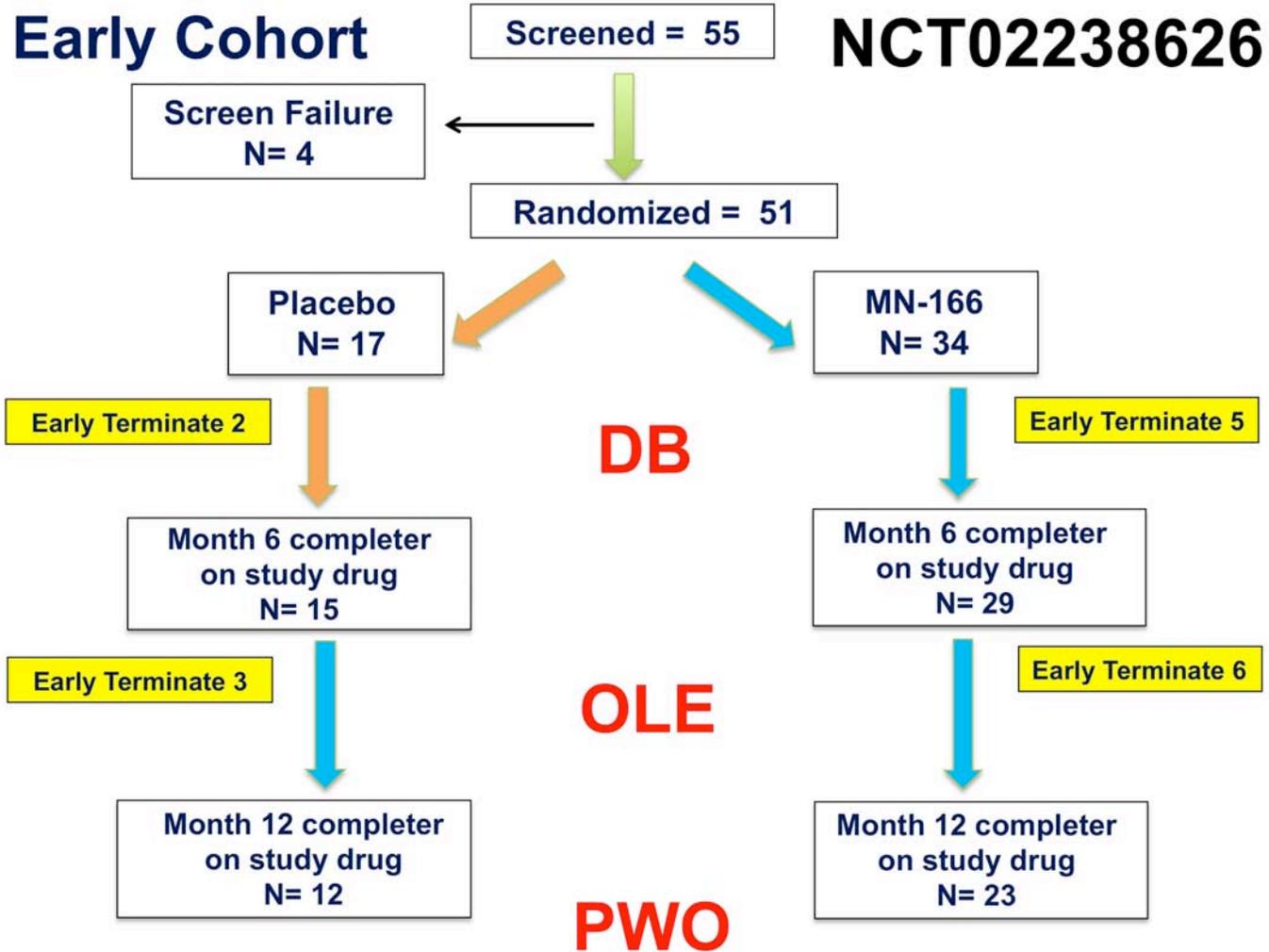
	Placebo (N=17)	Ibudilast (N=34)
Age	57.5	59.2
Female	5 (29.4%)	11 (32.4%)
Ethnicity		
•Caucasian	15 (88.2%)	31 (91.2%)
•African American	2 (11.8%)	1 (2.9%)
•Asian	0%	1 (2.9%)
•Unknown	0%	1 (2.9%)
Baseline ALSFRS-R	39.0	39.3
Baseline SVC	97.2	92.0
Baseline MIP/NIF	-98.1	-86.0
Baseline MMT (Right)	4.08	4.16
Baseline MMT (Left)	3.97	4.15
Baseline ALSQ-5	6.4	6.4

CONSORT

Diagram

DB - OLE -12 months

CONSORT Subject Trajectories



Adaptive Protocol

Loss of Muscle Strength off Ibudilast

Decreased Strength off Ibudilast

Statistically Significant Decrease in Neck Flexion
2 Weeks post Stopping Ibudilast

Statistically Significant Decrease in Hip Flexion
2 Weeks post Stopping Ibudilast

Statistically Significant Decrease in Leg Flexion
2 Weeks post Stopping Ibudilast

MN-166-ALS-1201 Mon 12 + 2 Weeks
Bulbar (N=9) & Limb (N=17)
Neck Flexion

MN-166-ALS-1201 Mon 12 + 2 Weeks
Bulbar (N=9) & Limb (N=17)
Hip Flexion

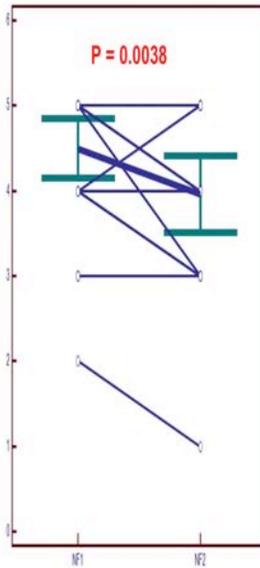
MN-166-ALS-1201 Mon 12 + 2 Weeks
Bulbar (N=9) & Limb (N=17)
Hamstrings

Paired samples t-test

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Sample size	26	26
Arithmetic mean	4.5000	3.9845
95% CI for the mean	4.1525 to 4.8475	3.5120 to 4.4710
Variance	0.7400	1.2365
Standard deviation	0.8602	1.1129
Standard error of the mean	0.1687	0.2193

Paired samples t-test

Mean difference	-0.5355
Standard deviation of mean difference	0.6250
Standard error of mean difference	0.1685
95% CI	-0.8656 to -0.1914
Test statistic t	-3.185
Degrees of Freedom (DF)	25
Two-tailed probability	P = 0.0038

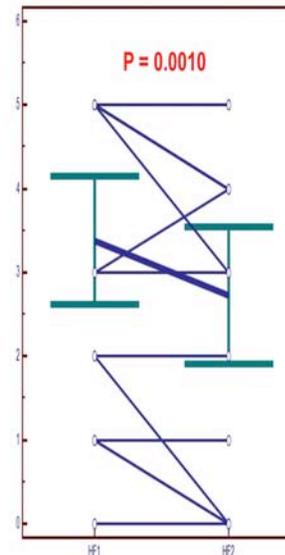


Paired samples t-test

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Sample size	26	26
Arithmetic mean	3.0846	2.7308
95% CI for the mean	2.6176 to 3.5516	1.9105 to 3.5511
Variance	3.6602	4.1246
Standard deviation	1.9600	2.0309
Standard error of the mean	0.3724	0.3983

Paired samples t-test

Mean difference	-0.6538
Standard deviation of mean difference	0.9918
Standard error of mean difference	0.1748
95% CI	-1.0141 to -0.2936
Test statistic t	-3.738
Degrees of Freedom (DF)	25
Two-tailed probability	P = 0.0010

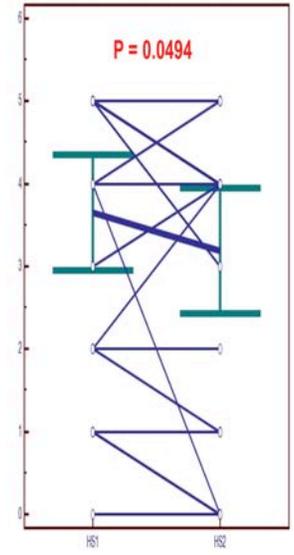


Paired samples t-test

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Sample size	26	26
Arithmetic mean	3.6538	3.1923
95% CI for the mean	2.9511 to 4.3576	2.4341 to 3.9503
Variance	3.0254	3.2125
Standard deviation	1.7422	1.7786
Standard error of the mean	0.3417	0.3580

Paired samples t-test

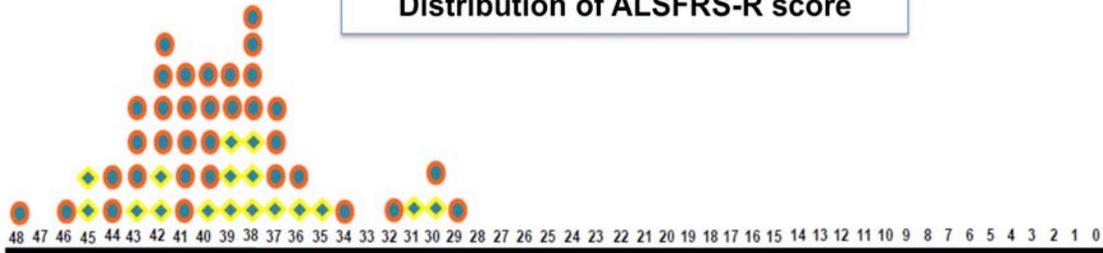
Mean difference	-0.4615
Standard deviation of mean difference	1.1385
Standard error of mean difference	0.2225
95% CI	-0.9218 to -0.0012
Test statistic t	-2.065
Degrees of Freedom (DF)	25
Two-tailed probability	P = 0.0494



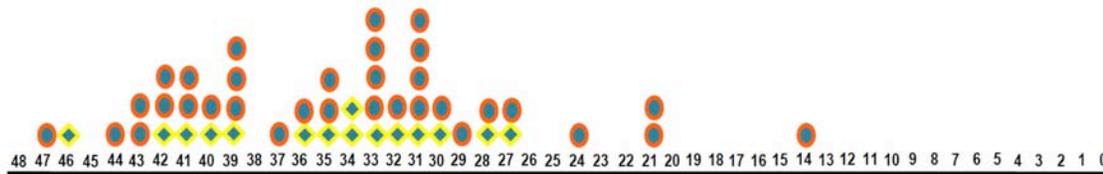
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ALSFRS-R Responders

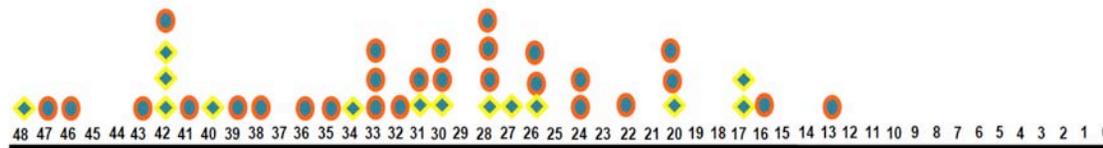
Distribution of ALSFRS-R score



ALSFRS-R total - Baseline



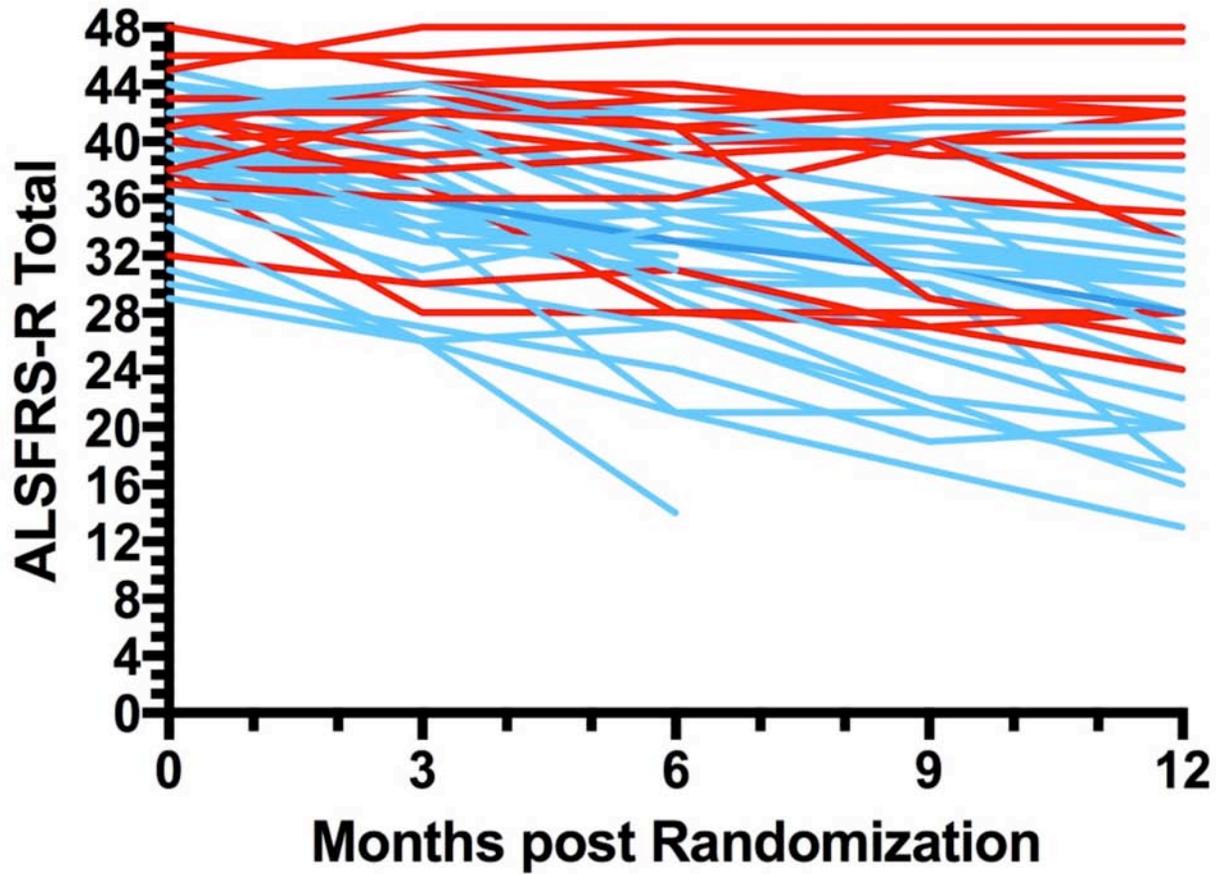
ALSFRS-R total - Month 6



ALSFRS-R total - Month 12

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ALSFRS-R Responders



Adaptive Protocol

Novel Composite Endpoint

Novel Composite Endpoint

Composite Endpoint

**[a] < 12 unit Drop in ALSFRS-R total score
at end of OLE phase**

**[b] < 1 MMT unit drop in Neck and/or Leg muscles
at end of OLE phase**

Ibudilast = 11/34

Placebo = 2/17

Chi-Square = 2.5294

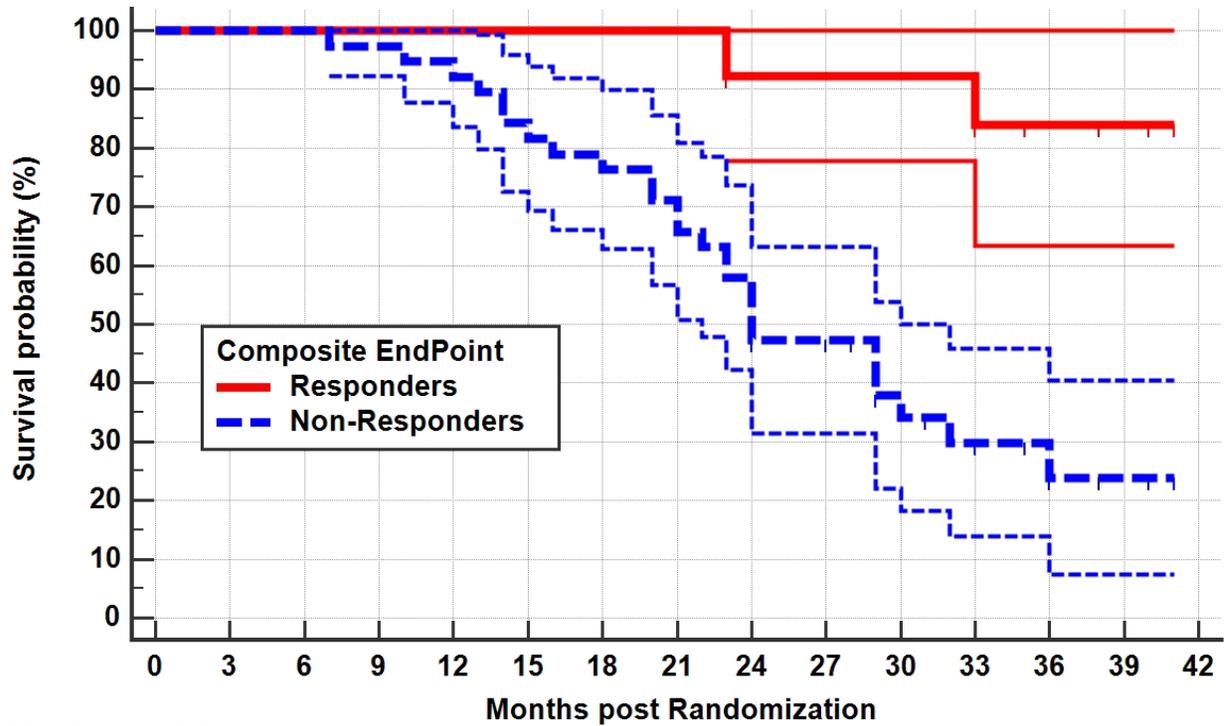
P = 0.1117

**Ibudilast therapy
associated with
proportionately more
non-progressors
compared with
placebo therapy**

Adaptive Protocol

Relation of Novel Composite Endpoint to Survival

Composite Endpoint and Survival



Subjects who achieved Composite Endpoint during the DB and OLE epochs of the adaptive NCT02238626 clinical trial showed improved survival.

Number at risk

Group: Responders

13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 11 11 11 8 7 4 0

Group: Non-Responders

38 38 38 37 35 31 29 25 17 16 9 6 3 2 0

Composite Endpoint and Survival

Kaplan-Meier survival analysis

Survival time	LABLDeathMon
Endpoint	LADeath1
Factor codes	LAalsfrs_r12NL

Cases summary

Factor	Number of events ^a		Number censored ^b		Total sample size
	N	%	N	%	
0	2	15.38	11	84.62	13
1	26	68.42	12	31.58	38
Overall	28	54.90	23	45.10	51

^a LADeath1 = 1

^b LADeath1 = 0

Mean and median survival

Factor	Mean	SE	95% CI for the mean	Median	95% CI for the median
0	38.944	1.428	36.145 to 41.743	-	-
1	26.791	1.724	23.411 to 30.170	24.000	22.000 to 32.000
Overall	29.977	1.533	26.972 to 32.982	30.000	24.000 to 36.000

Endpoint: Observed n	2.0	26.0
Expected n	10.1	17.9
Observed/Expected	0.1989	1.4489

Comparison of survival curves (Logrank test)

Chi-squared	10.8903
DF	1
Significance	P = 0.0010

Hazard ratios ^a with 95% Confidence Interval

Factor	0	1
0	-	7.2852 3.3661 to 15.7671
1	0.1373 0.06342 to 0.2971	-

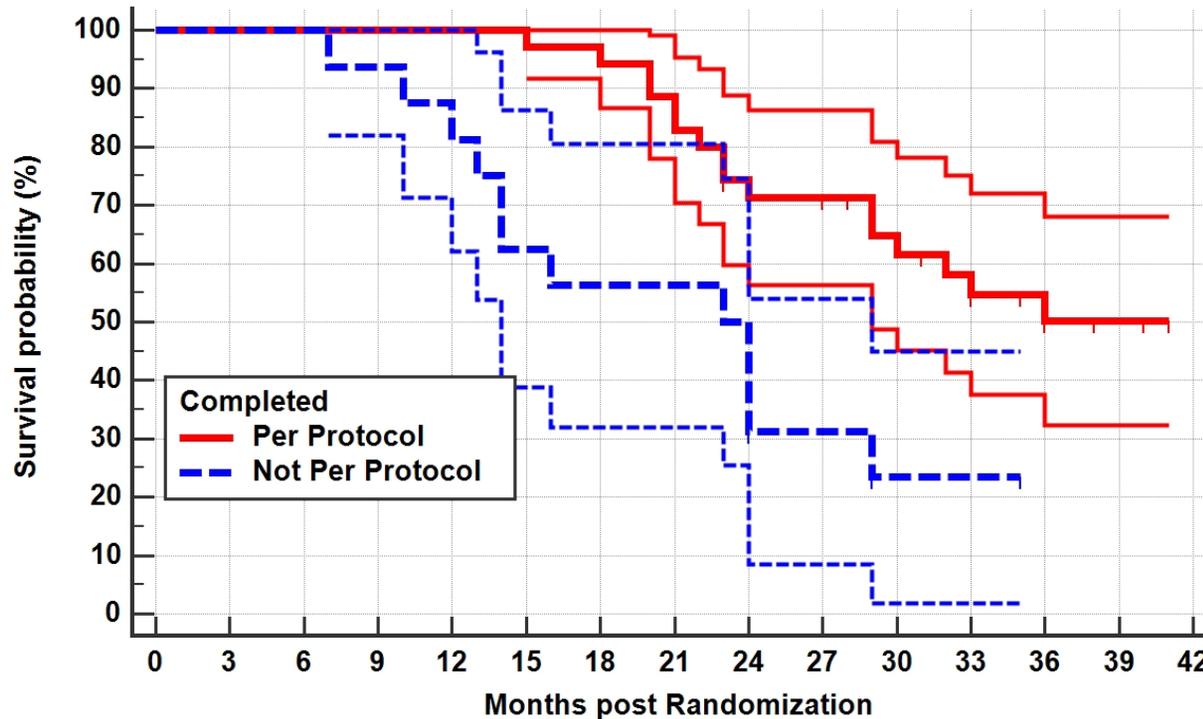
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Subjects who achieved Composite Endpoint during the DB and OLE epochs of the adaptive NCT02238626 clinical trial showed improved survival.

Adaptive Protocol

Relation of Per Protocol Completion to Survival

Per-Protocol and Survival



Subjects who completed the DB and OLE epochs of the adaptive NCT02238626 clinical trial per protocol showed improved survival.

Number at risk

Group: Per Protocol

35 35 35 35 35 34 33 29 24 23 19 13 10 6 0

Group: Not Per Protocol

16 16 16 15 13 10 9 9 4 4 1 1 0 0 0

Per-Protocol and Survival

Kaplan-Meier survival analysis

Survival time	LABLDeathMon
Endpoint	LADeath1
Factor codes	nPP1

Cases summary

Factor	Number of events ^a		Number censored ^b		Total sample size
	N	%	N	%	
0	16	45.71	19	54.29	35
1	12	75.00	4	25.00	16
Overall	28	54.90	23	45.10	51

^a LADeath1 = 1

^b LADeath1 = 0

Mean and median survival

Factor	Mean	SE	95% CI for the mean	Median	95% CI for the median
0	33.236	1.529	30.239 to 36.233	-	-
1	21.781	2.363	17.149 to 26.413	23.000	14.000 to 29.000
Overall	29.977	1.533	26.972 to 32.982	30.000	24.000 to 36.000

Subjects who completed the DB and OLE epochs of the adaptive NCT02238626 clinical trial per protocol showed improved survival.

Endpoint: Observed n	16.0	12.0
Expected n	22.2	5.8
Observed/Expected	0.7198	2.0790

Comparison of survival curves (Logrank test)

Chi-squared	9.1137
DF	1
Significance	P = 0.0025

Hazard ratios^a with 95% Confidence Interval

Factor	0	1
0	-	2.8883 1.1561 to 7.2161
1	0.3462 0.1386 to 0.8650	-

^a Column/Row

Conclusions

**Novel composite endpoint defined as
less than 12 units (< 1 unit per month) decrease
in ALSFRS-R total score
and/or
not losing 1 MMT unit in neck and leg muscles
in the DB and OLE epochs (12 months) was
analyzed.**

Conclusions

11 / 34 ALS subjects randomized [(intention-to-treat (ITT)] to ibudilast compared with 2 / 17 subjects randomized to placebo (P=0.1117) showed no progression.

Subjects (ITT) who showed no progression on 6 or 12 months ibudilast showed improved survival (P=0.0010) in the 30 months post ibudilast treatment.

Conclusions

Subjects who completed 6 or 12 months ibudilast treatment [per-protocol (PP)] showed improved survival (P=0.0025) in the 30 months post ibudilast treatment.

Conclusions

Multiple Myeloma

treatment epoch biomarker response survival

Stem Cell Therapy

treatment epoch biomarker response survival

Gene Therapy

treatment epoch biomarker response survival

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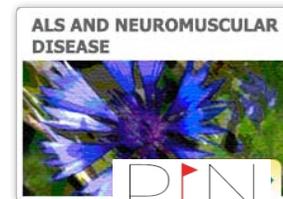
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