

# Tofersen for the Treatment of *SOD1*-ALS

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## Introduction

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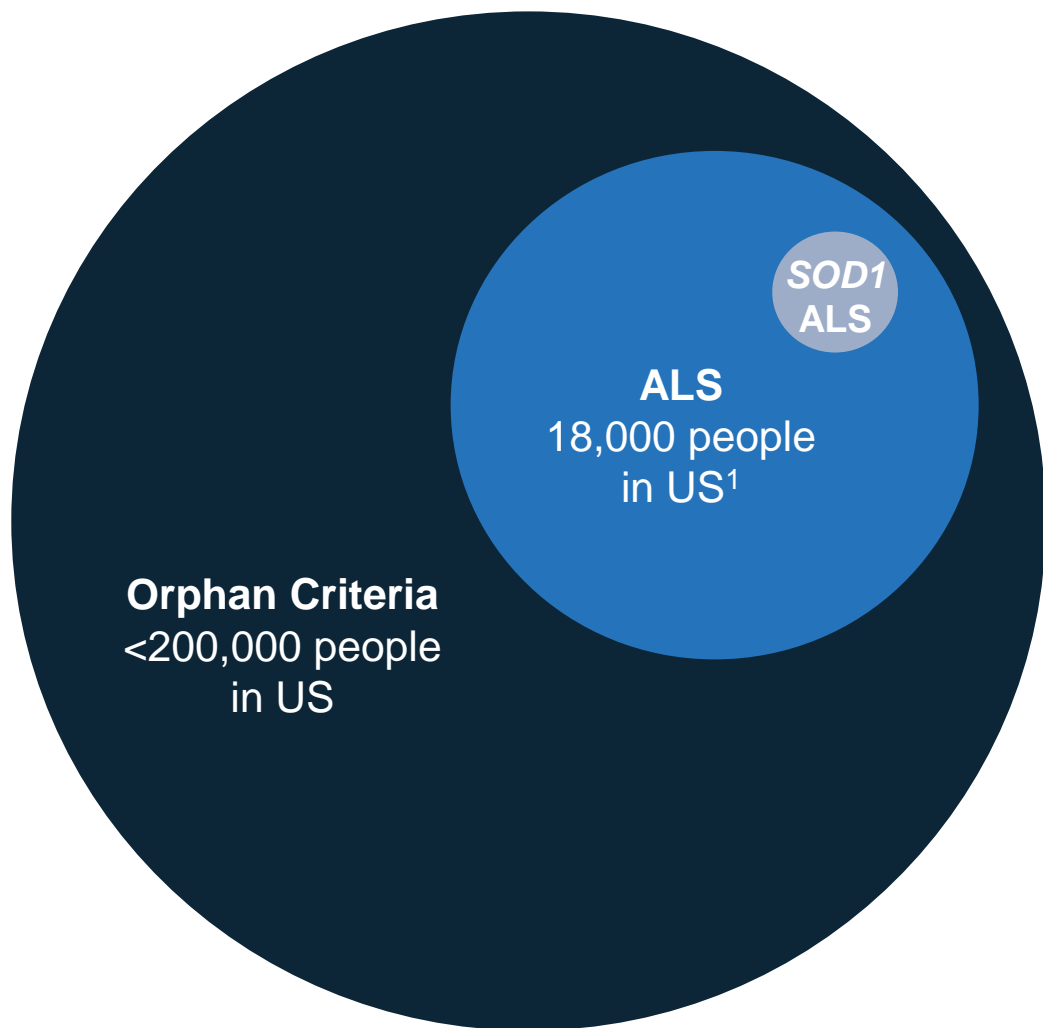
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## Proposed indication

*QALSODY (tofersen) is indicated for the treatment of adults with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis associated with a mutation in the superoxide dismutase 1 gene (SOD1-ALS)*

# ***SOD1*-ALS is a rare, progressive, and fatal disease**



- *SOD1*-ALS
  - Caused by a mutation in the superoxide dismutase-1 (*SOD1*) gene
  - Affects ~330 people in the US<sup>2,3</sup>
  - Median survival 2.7 years from diagnosis<sup>4</sup>
- Remains a progressive, fatal disease with a high unmet medical need

# Tofersen targets underlying genetic pathophysiology for *SOD1*-ALS


Antisense oligonucleotide facilitates specific degradation of *SOD1* mRNA



Reduces production of SOD1 protein (toxic and native)

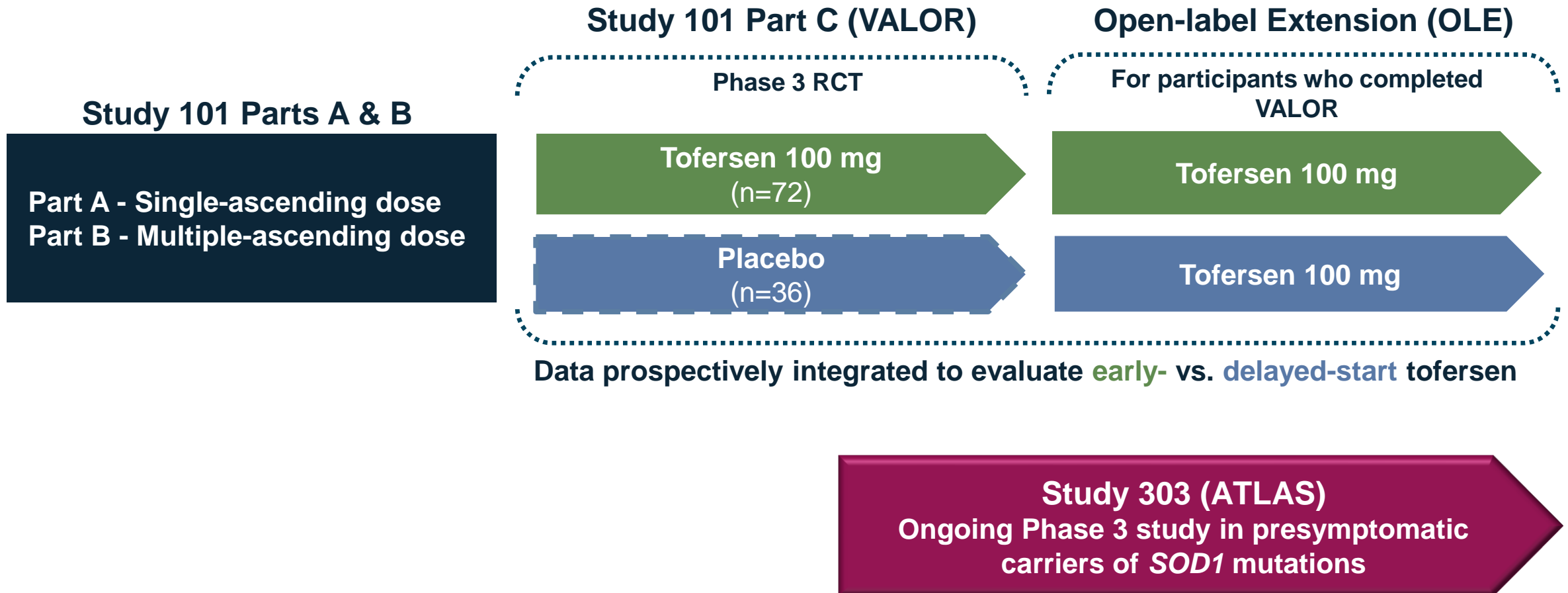


Prevents accumulation of new toxic SOD1 and allows clearance of existing toxic SOD1

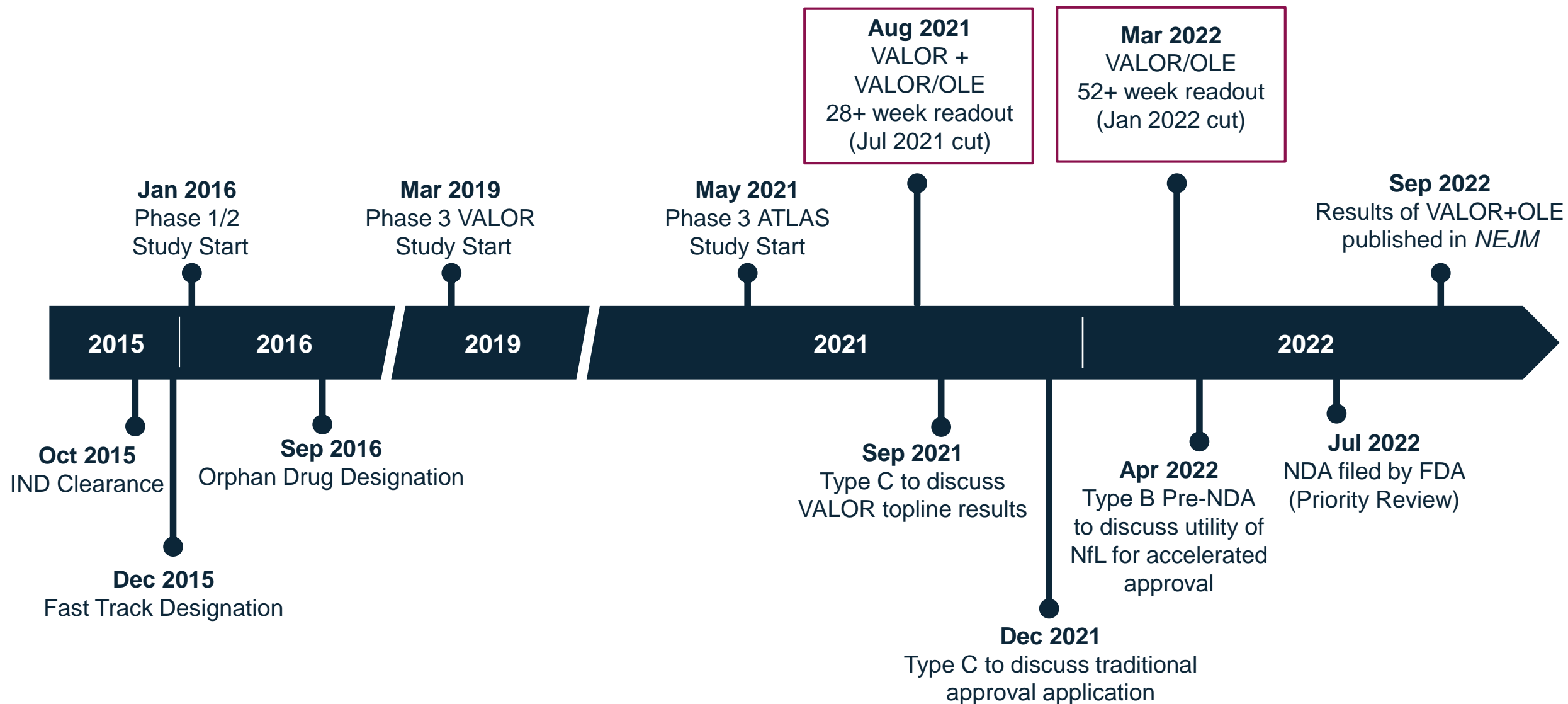


Preserves motor neuron integrity, as evidenced by reductions in neurofilament

# Tofersen clinical development program



# Clinical development and regulatory timeline



# FDA Accelerated Approval

**Provisions of FDASIA in Section 506(c) of the FD&C Act provide that FDA may grant accelerated approval to:**

*. . . a product for a serious or life-threatening disease or condition . . . upon a determination that the product has an effect on a surrogate endpoint that is reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit, or on a clinical endpoint that can be measured earlier than irreversible morbidity or mortality, that is reasonably likely to predict an effect on irreversible morbidity or mortality or other clinical benefit, taking into account the severity, rarity, or prevalence of the condition and the availability or lack of alternative treatments.<sup>1</sup>*



# FDA guidance on expedited programs for serious conditions

- Determining a reasonably likely surrogate endpoint depends on:
  - Biological plausibility of the relationship between the disease, the endpoint, and the desired effect
  - Empirical evidence to support that relationship
- “Reasonably likely” surrogate endpoint does not yet have sufficient evidence to be considered a validated surrogate endpoint

# What you will hear today

***SOD1*-ALS is a rare, life-threatening condition with critical unmet medical need**

**Evidence that substantial reductions in NfL are reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit in *SOD1*-ALS**

**An overview of efficacy and safety in support of the benefit-risk evaluation for tofersen**

**An overview of Biogen's long-term data generation plans for tofersen**

# Agenda

Presentation	Presenter
Introduction	<b>Toby Ferguson, MD, PhD</b> Vice President, Head of Neuromuscular Development Unit
<b>Disease Background &amp; Unmet Need</b>	<b>Timothy M. Miller, MD, PhD</b> David Clayson Professor of Neurology Washington University in St. Louis
<b>Efficacy</b>	<b>Stephanie Fradette, PharmD</b> Clinical Development Lead and ALS Portfolio Head
<b>Safety</b>	<b>Laura Fanning, MD</b> Executive Medical Director, Global Medical Safety
<b>Clinical Perspective</b>	<b>Timothy M. Miller, MD, PhD</b> David Clayson Professor of Neurology Washington University in St. Louis
<b>Conclusion</b>	<b>Stephanie Fradette, PharmD</b> Clinical Development Lead and ALS Portfolio Head

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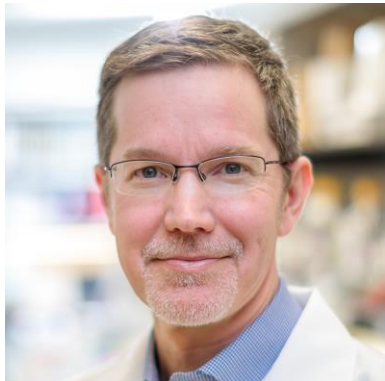
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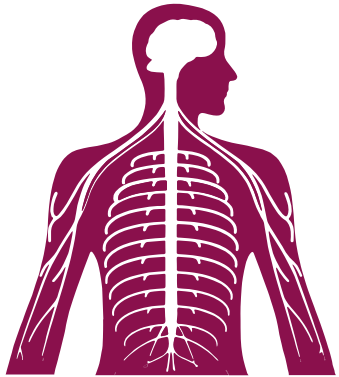
# Disease Background and Unmet Need

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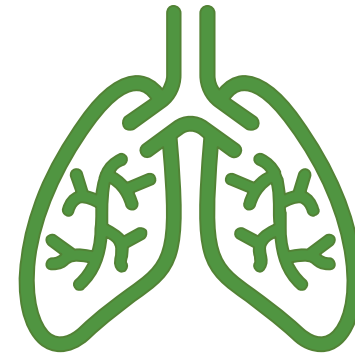
# ALS is a rare, fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by loss of upper and lower motor neurons



ALS is a **progressive, adult-onset disease**<sup>1</sup>



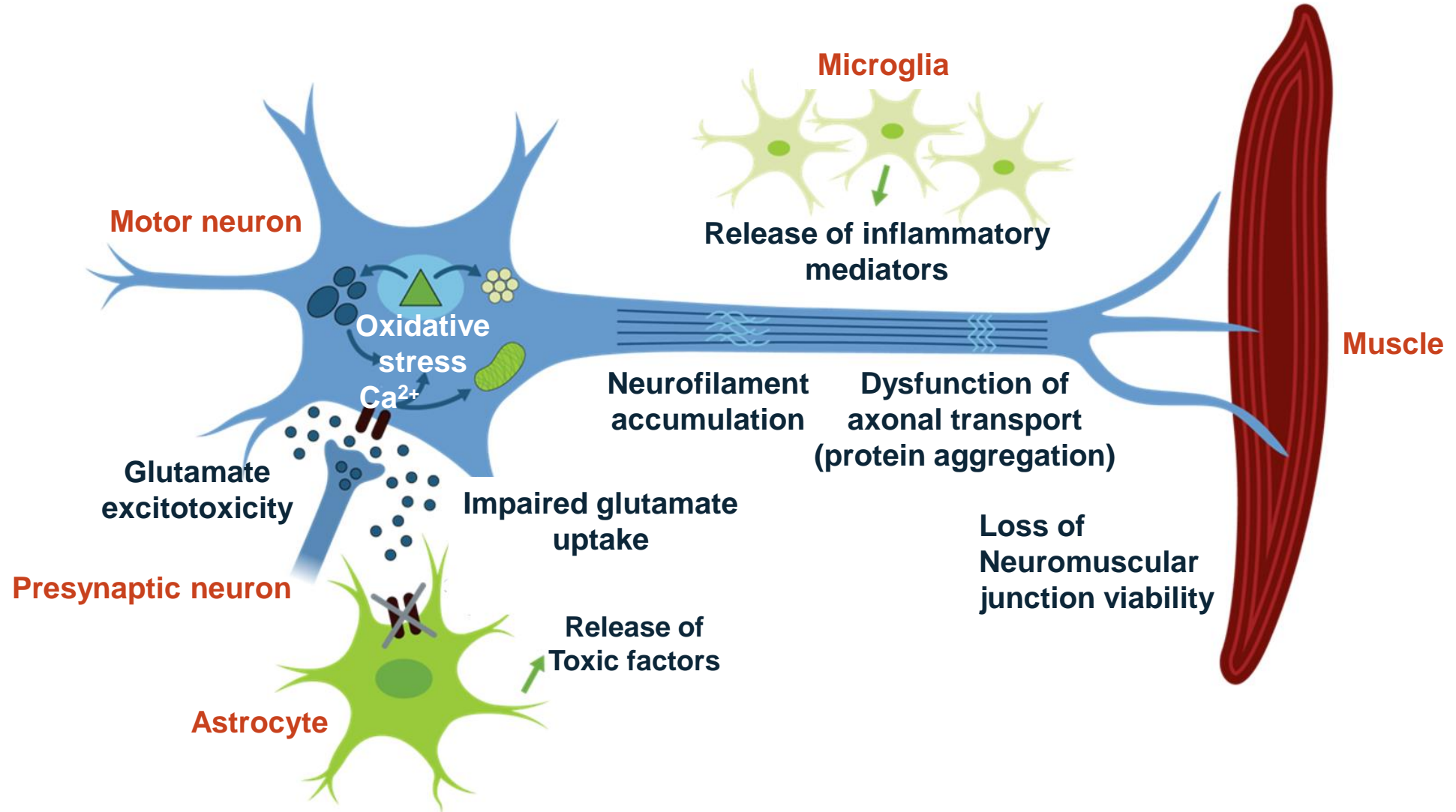
**Weakness leads to difficulty breathing, swallowing, moving limbs, walking**



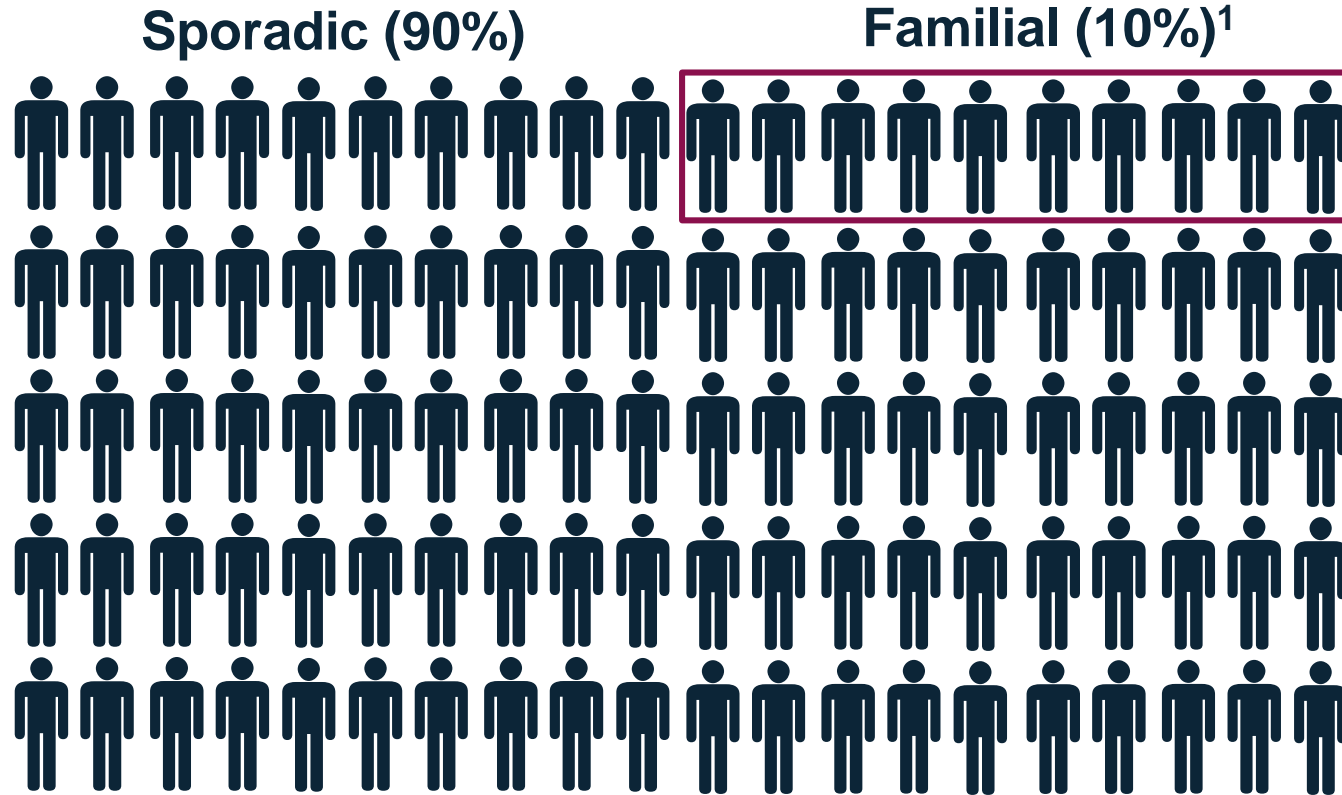
**ALS is uniformly fatal**

typically due to  
**respiratory failure**  
within  
**3 to 5 years**  
from symptom onset<sup>2</sup>

# There are multiple mechanisms implicated in ALS



# Causative mutations are found in people with and without a known family history of ALS

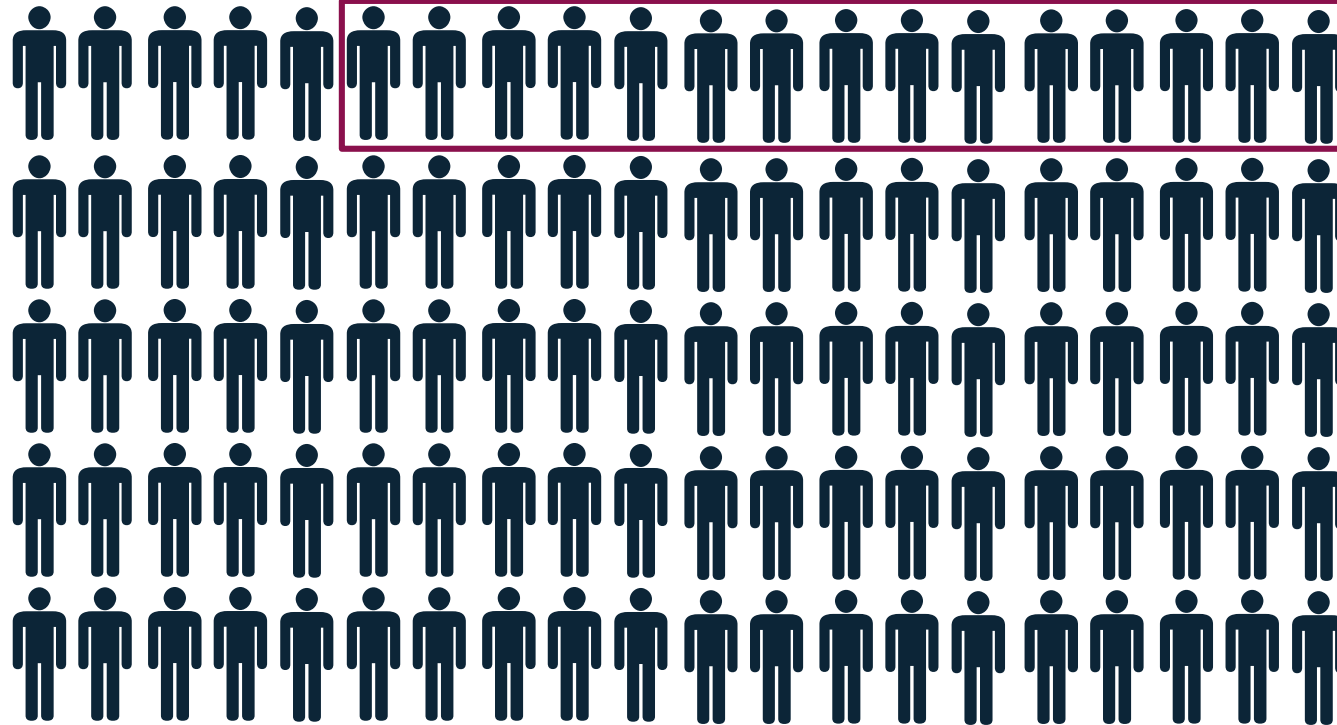




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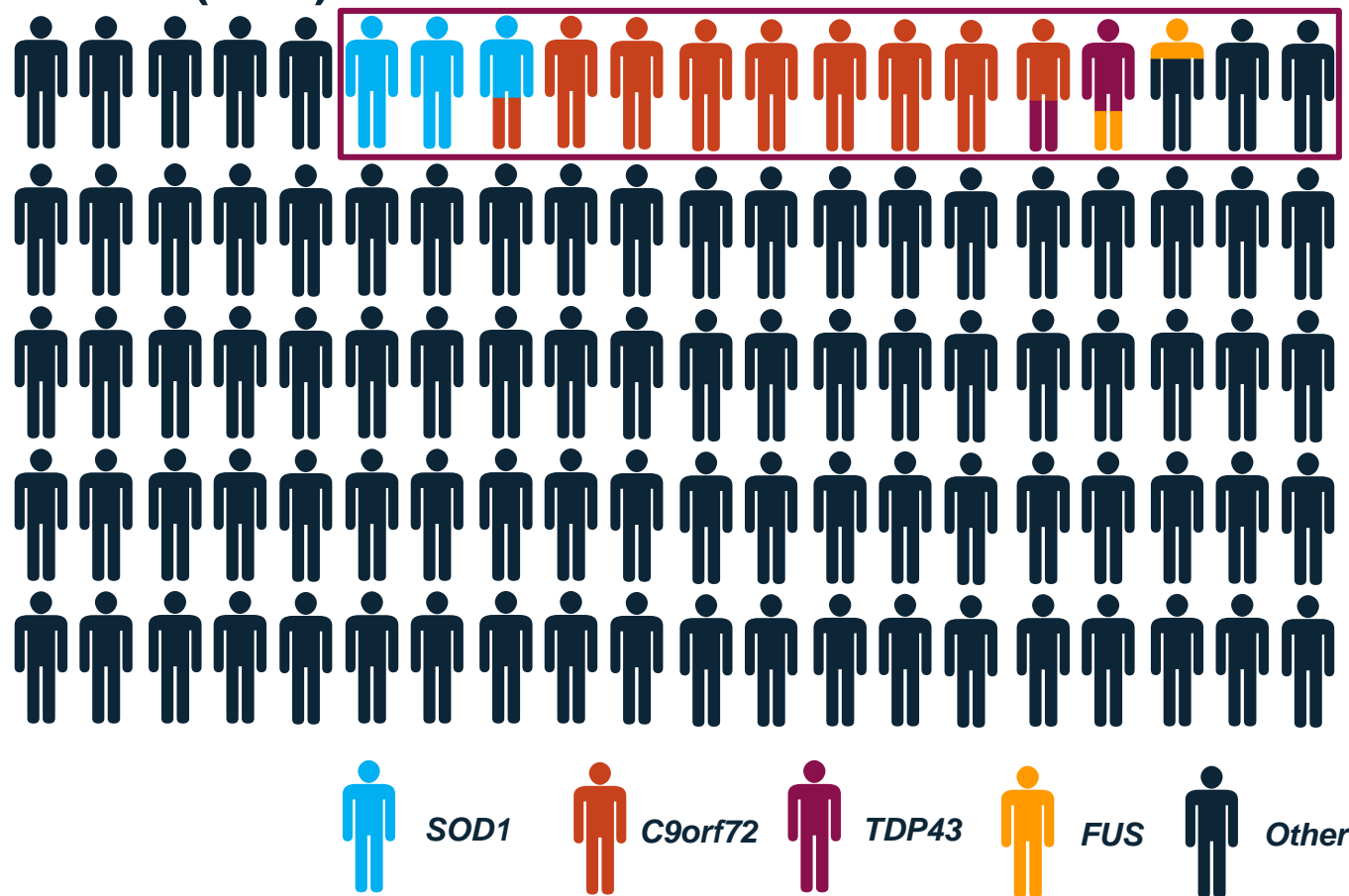
Genetic (15%)<sup>1</sup>



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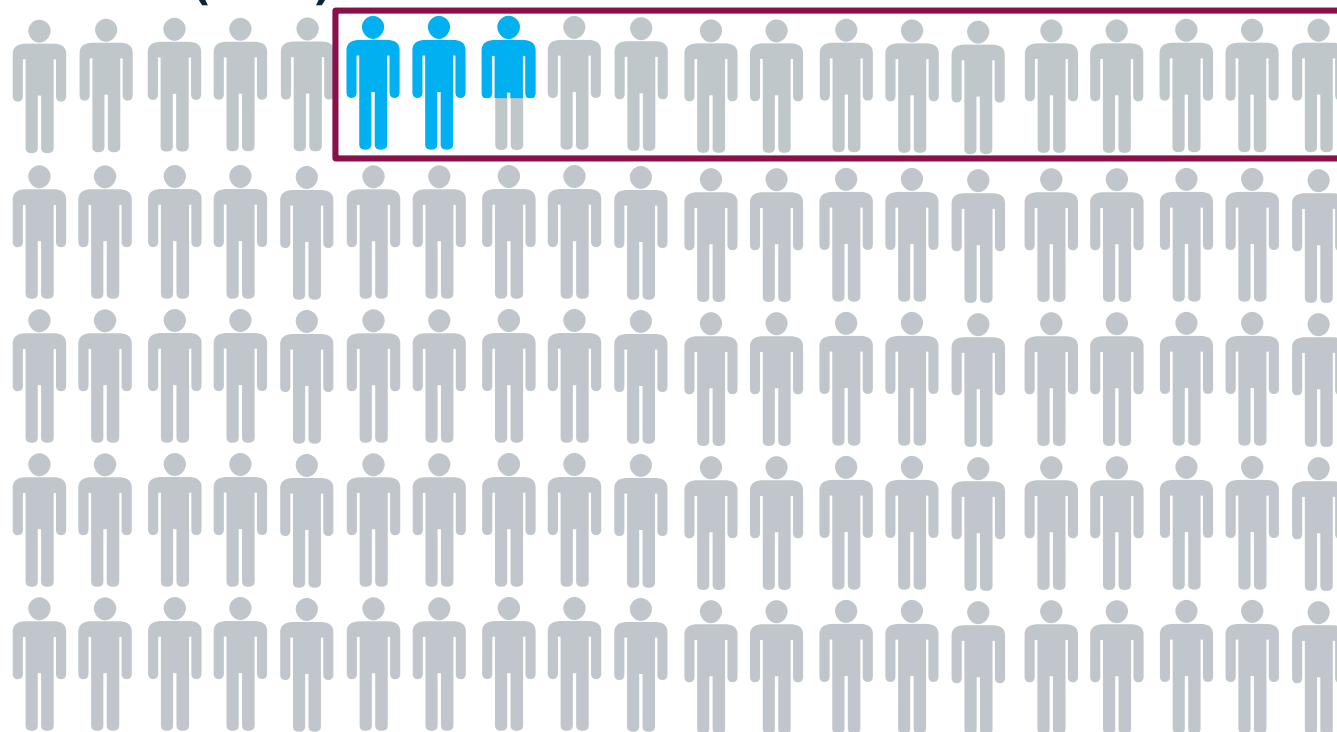
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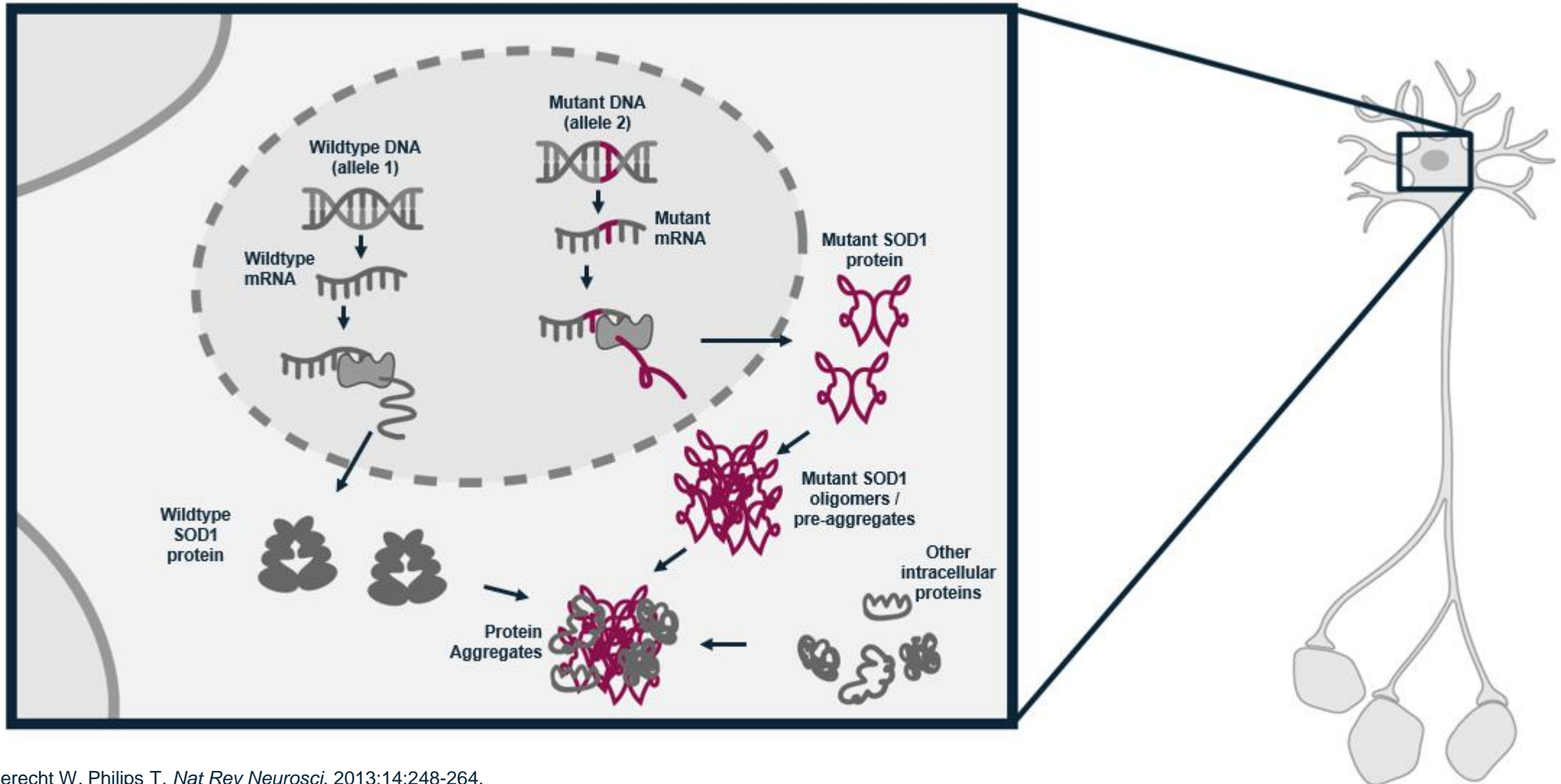


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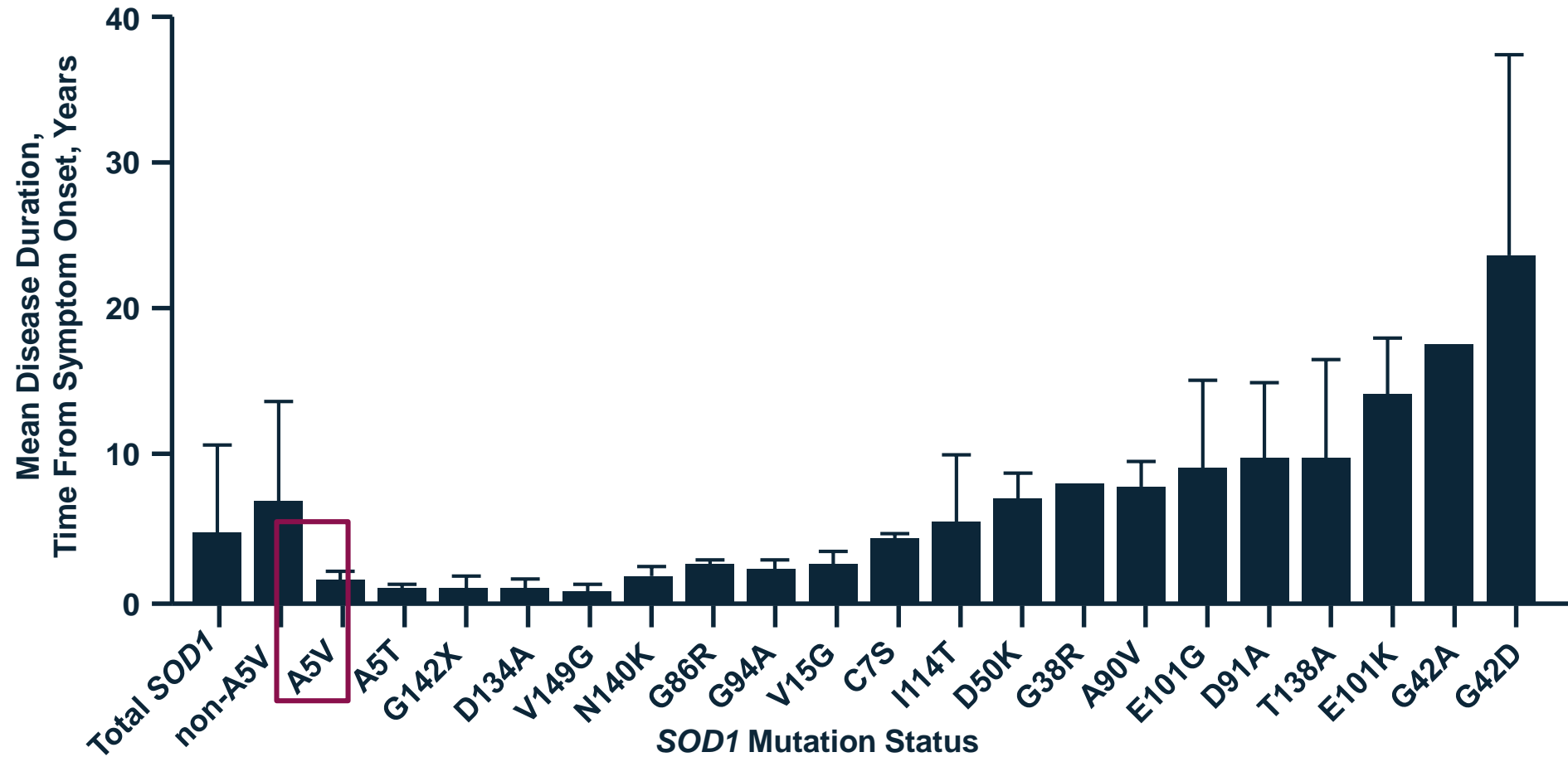
1. Brown CA, et al. *Neuroepidemiology*. 2021;55:342-353.

Figure based on Zou ZY, et al. *J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry*. 2017;88(7):540-549.

# Mutations in the *SOD1* gene lead to production of a toxic form of SOD1 protein



# *SOD1*-ALS natural history is highly heterogenous



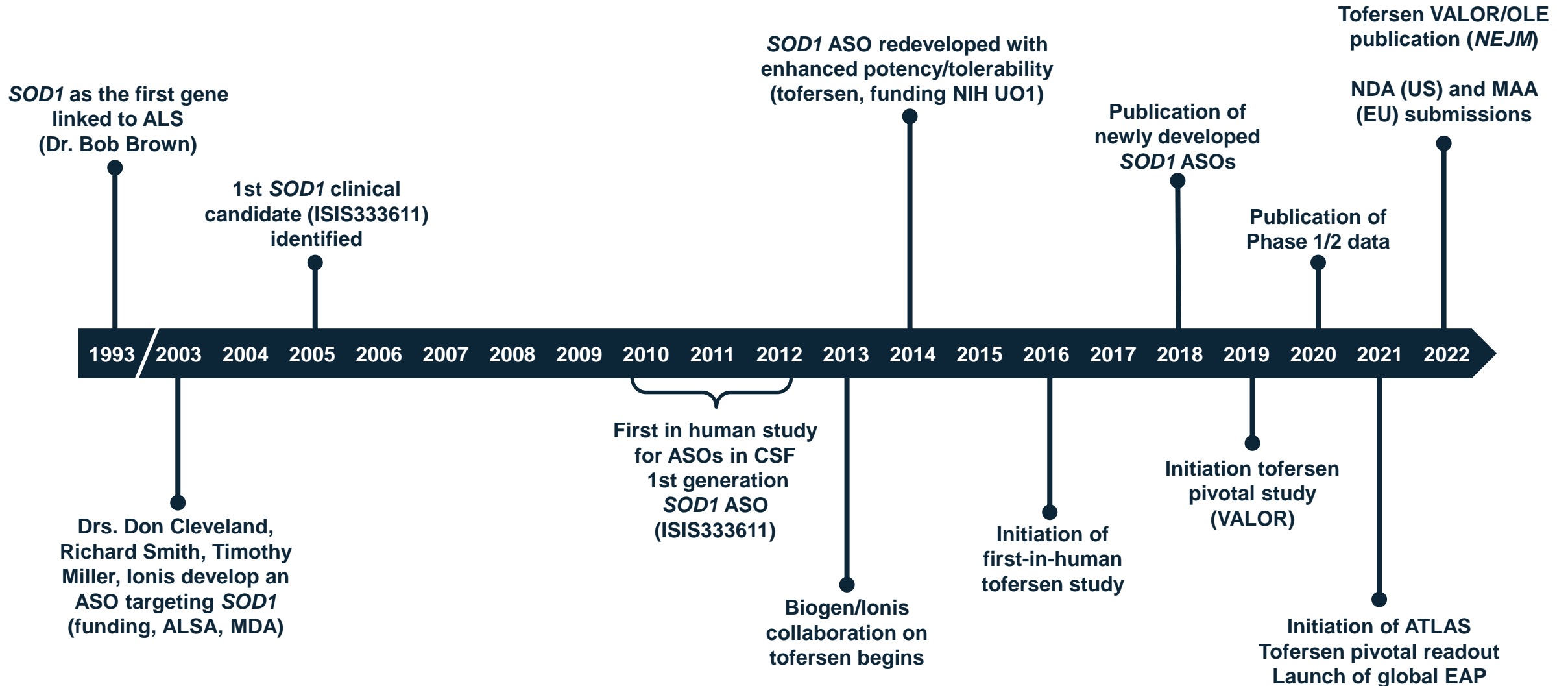
Disease duration varies by mutation type

# Current therapies do not address *SOD1*-ALS pathophysiology

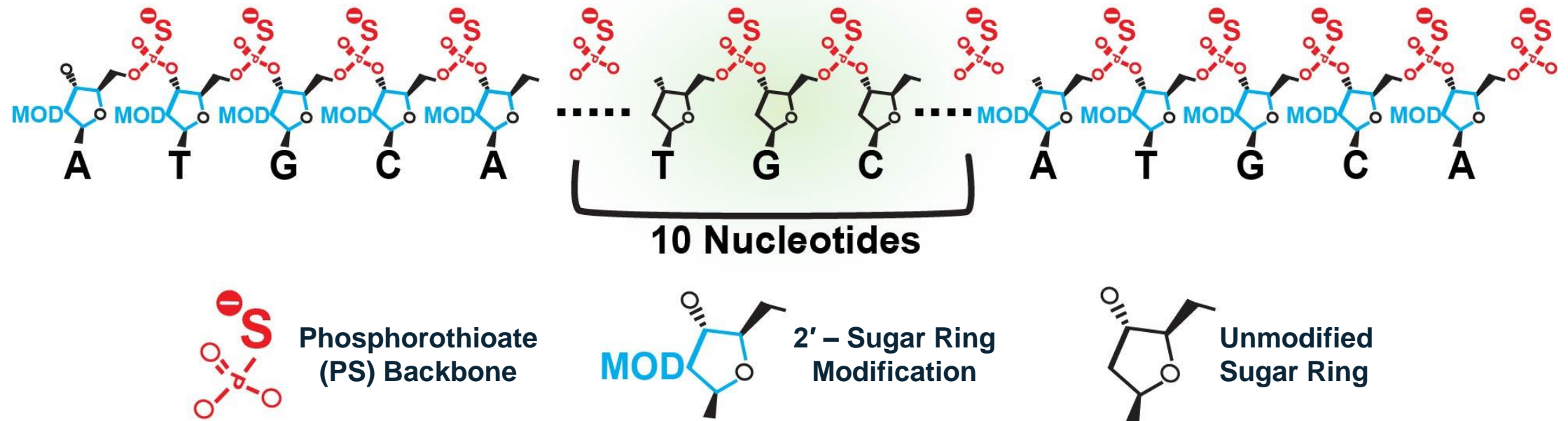
1995	2011	2017	2022
<b>Rilutek<sup>®</sup></b> <b>(riluzole)</b>	<b>Nuedexta<sup>®</sup></b> <b>(dextromethorphan hydrobromide and quinidine sulfate)</b>	<b>Radicava<sup>®</sup></b> <b>(edaravone)</b>	<b>Relyvrio<sup>™</sup></b> <b>(sodium phenylbutyrate and taurursodiol)</b>
Indicated for the treatment of ALS	Indicated for the treatment of pseudobulbar affect (PBA)	Indicated for the treatment of ALS	Indicated for the treatment of ALS

**No available therapies target underlying disease pathology of *SOD1*-ALS**

# The discovery of tofersen spans two decades

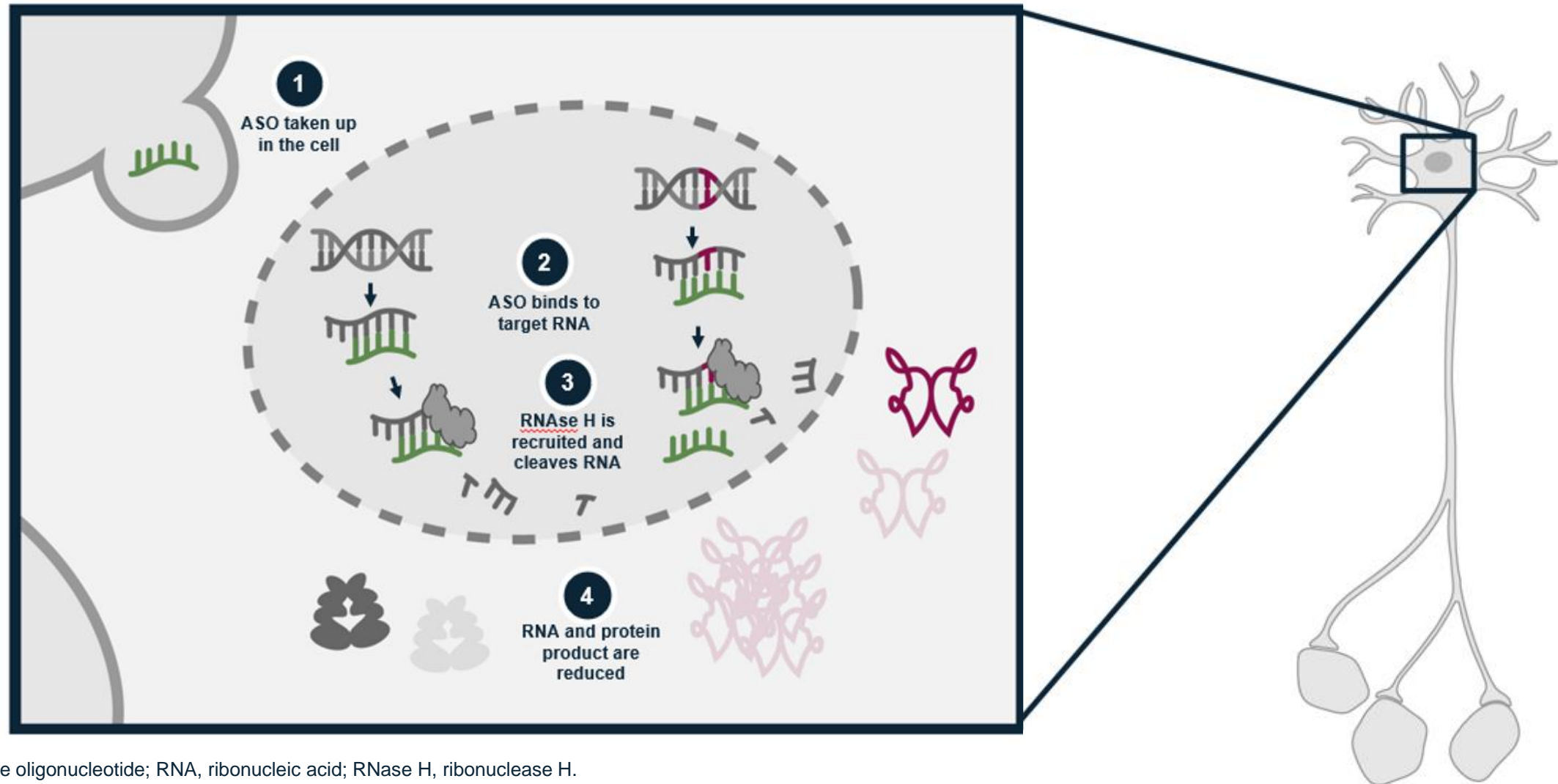


# Antisense oligonucleotides (ASOs)

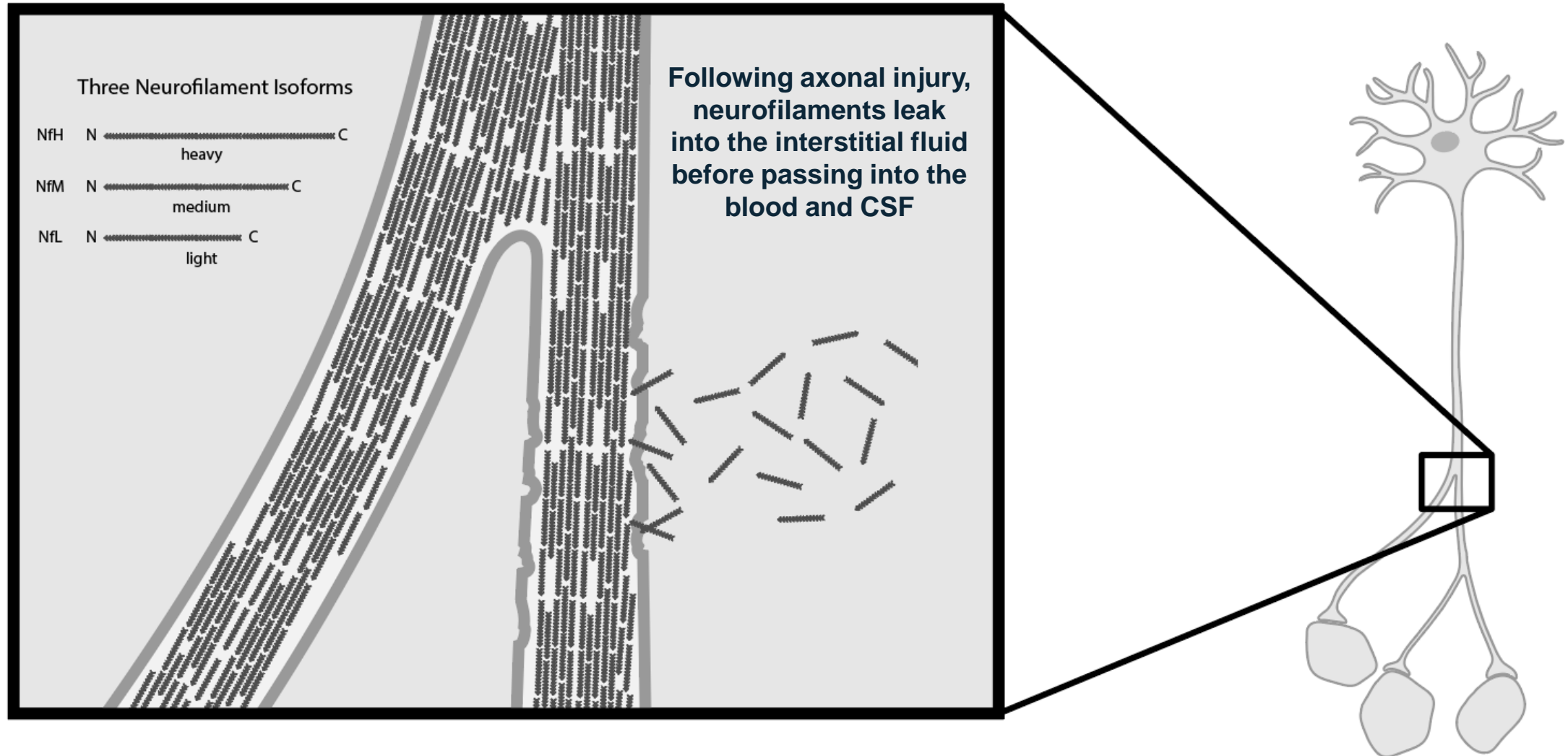




# Tofersen is an ASO that targets the *SOD1* gene



# Neurofilaments are a marker of motor neuron integrity



# The behavior of neurofilament is well characterized in the ALS literature

1990

Rosengren 1996

2000

Norgren 2003  
 Brettschneider 2006  
 Zetterberg 2007  
 Boylan 2009  
 Rejin 2009

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Ganesalingam 2011  
 Steinacker 2011  
 Tortelli 2012  
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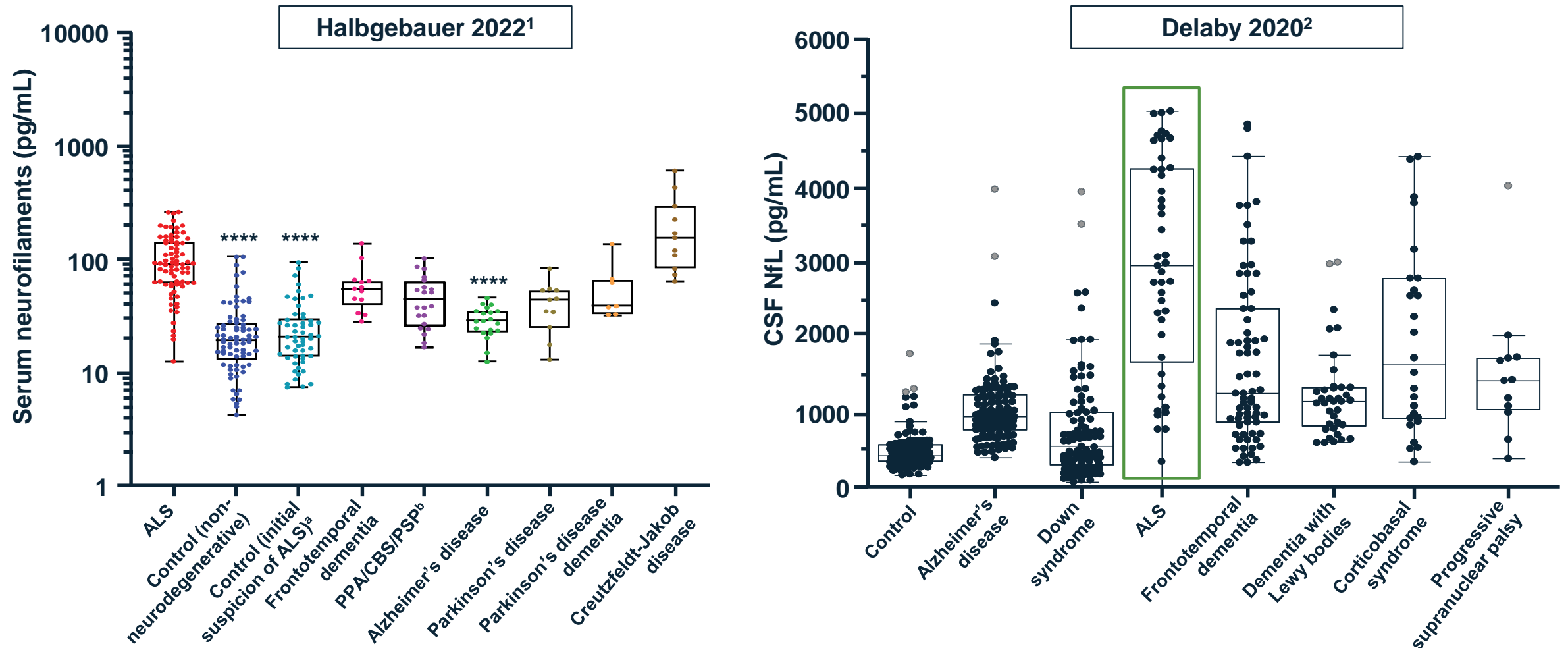
2020

Poesen 2017  
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 De Schaepdryver 2018  
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 Li 2018  
 Rossi 2018  
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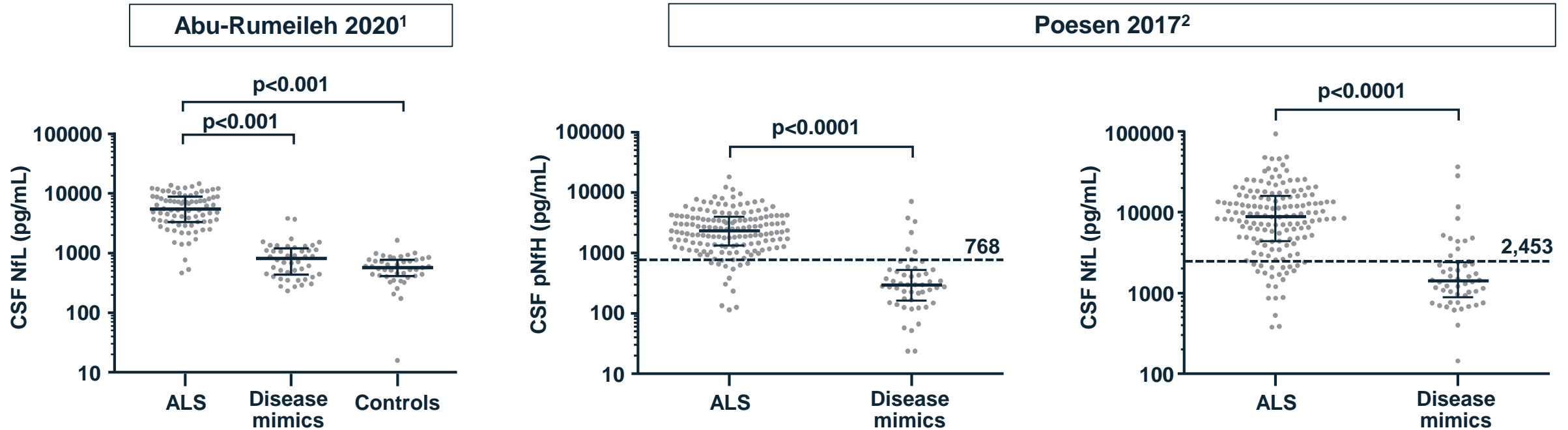
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 Brodovitch 2021  
 Gagliardi 2021  
 Kojima 2021  
 Simonini 2021  
 Vacchiano 2021  
 Verde 2021  
 Zhou 2021  
 Escal 2022  
 Falzone 2022

Haji 2022  
 Halbgebauer 2022  
 Heckler 2022  
 Kmezic 2022  
 Masrori 2022  
 Sferruzza 2022  
 Shi 2022  
 Thompson 2022  
 Yildiz 2022  
 Zecca 2022  
 Zhang 2022  
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# Neurofilament levels are elevated in ALS and exceed levels in nearly all other neurodegenerative diseases



# Neurofilament elevations in ALS are distinguishable from disease mimics

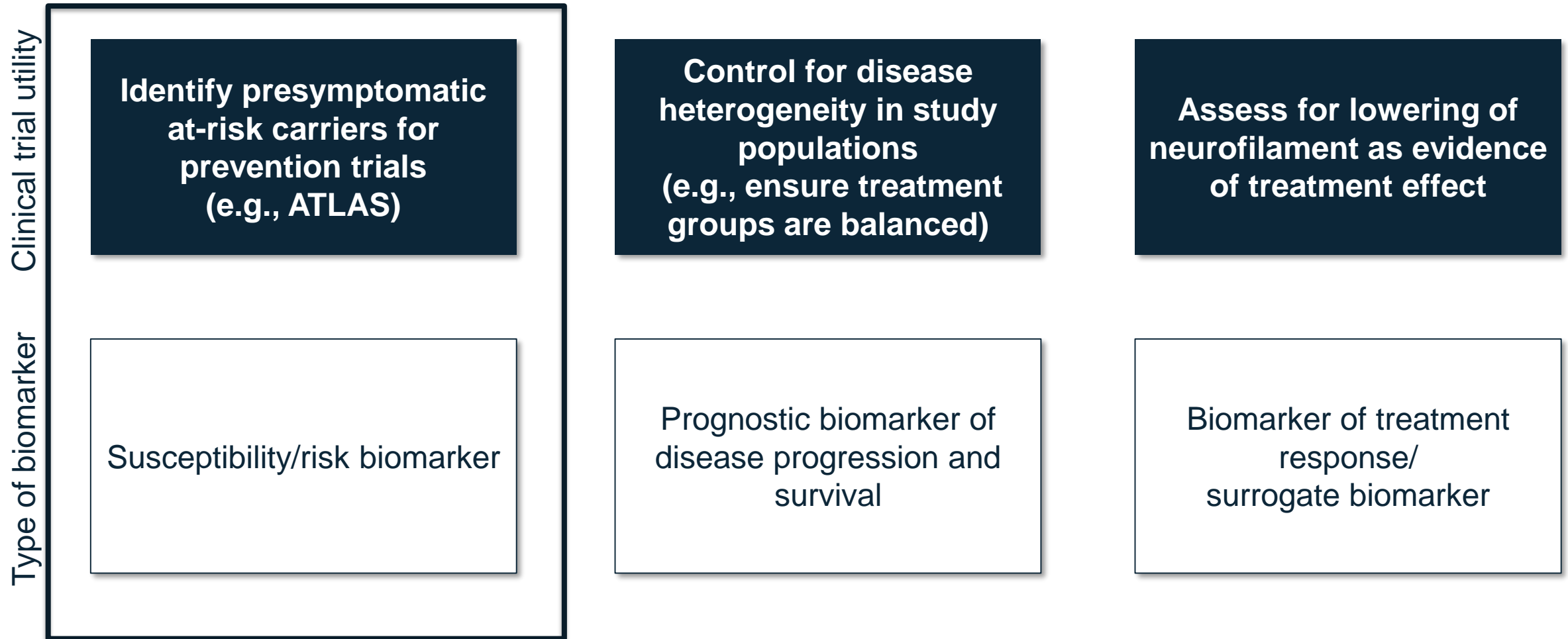


**Disease mimics:** Conditions that can mimic the symptoms associated with ALS (e.g., multifocal motor neuropathy, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease)

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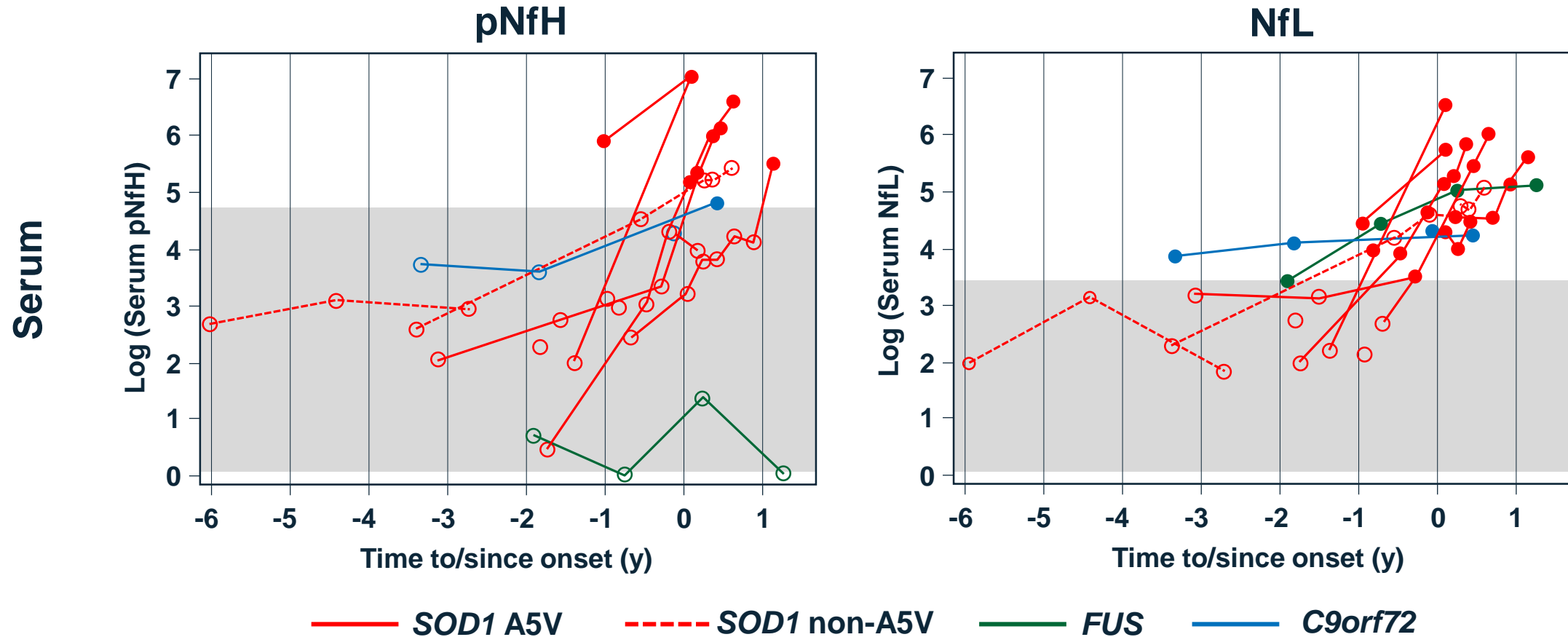
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# Utility of neurofilament in ALS trials



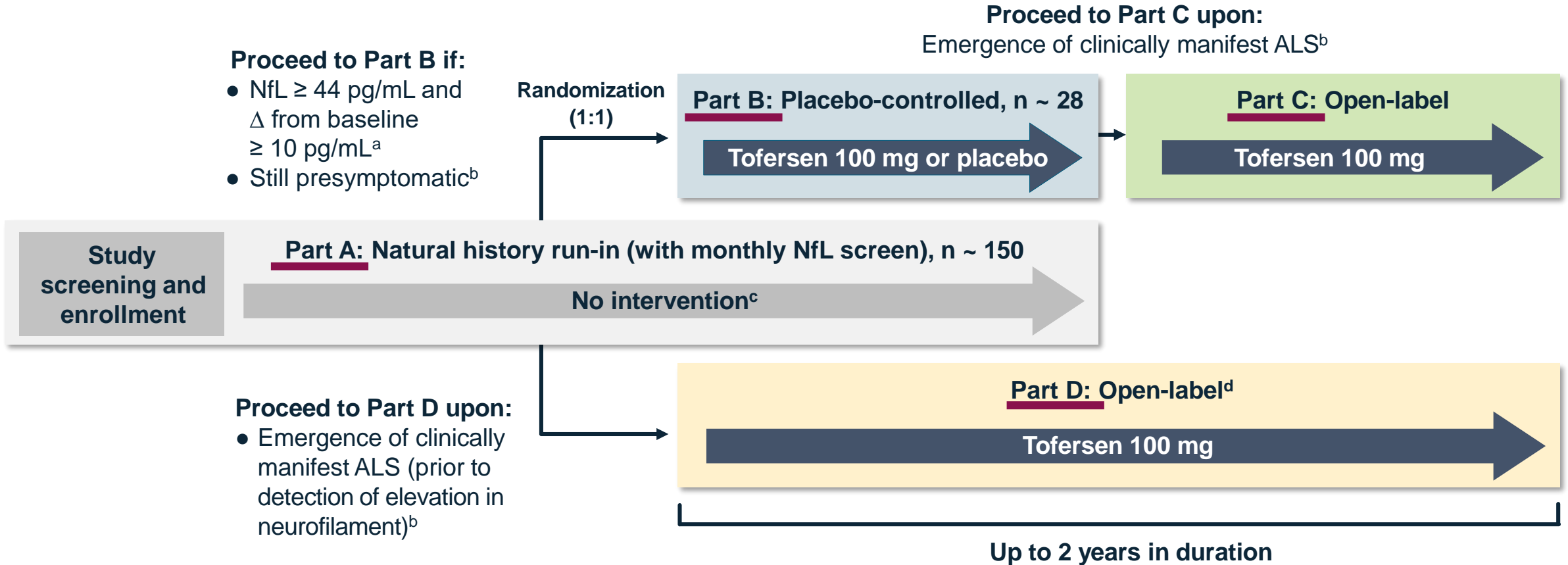
# Neurofilament levels are elevated prior to emergence of clinically manifest ALS

*Pre-fALS* phenoconverters: Longitudinal change in serum pNfH and NfL



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## ATLAS study design



<sup>a</sup> Measured using Siemens Healthineers NfL Assay; <sup>b</sup> Assuming other eligibility criteria are met; <sup>c</sup> Follow-up in Part A will end once 28 participants have been enrolled in Part B;

<sup>d</sup> Part D was originally designed with a placebo-control but was transitioned to open-label following the sponsor's review of the results of the Phase 3 VALOR study.

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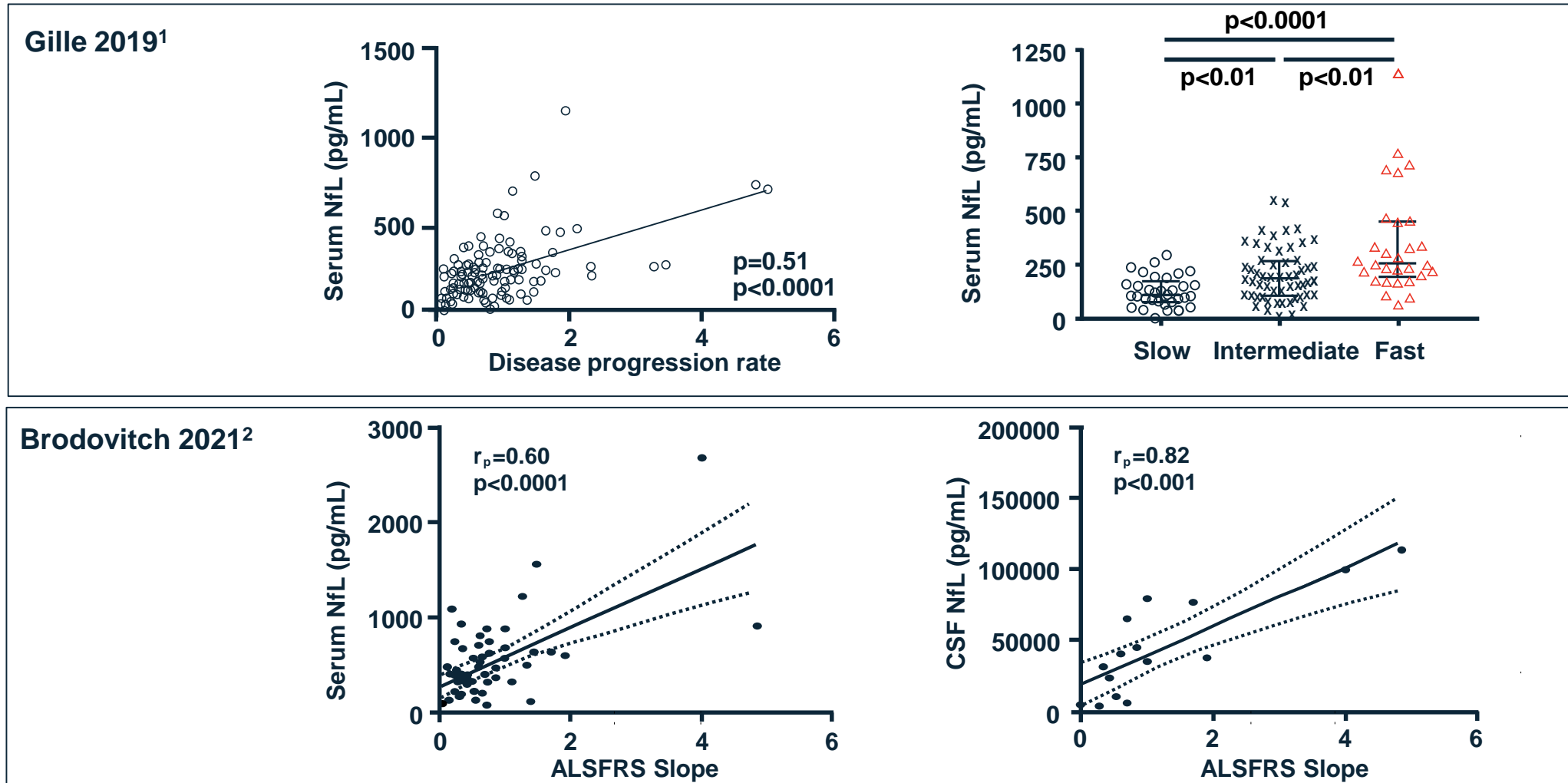
Type of biomarker

Susceptibility/risk biomarker

Prognostic biomarker of  
disease progression and  
survival

Biomarker of treatment  
response/  
surrogate biomarker

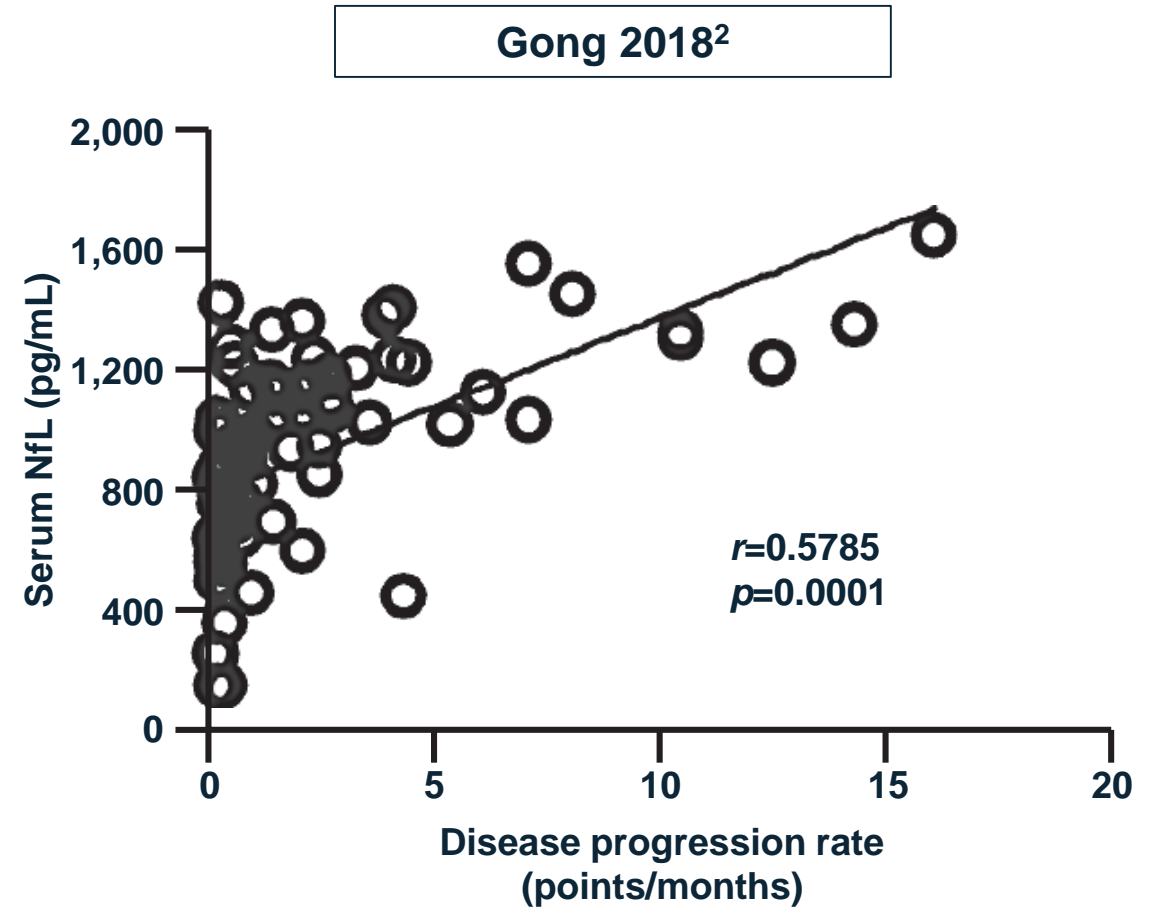
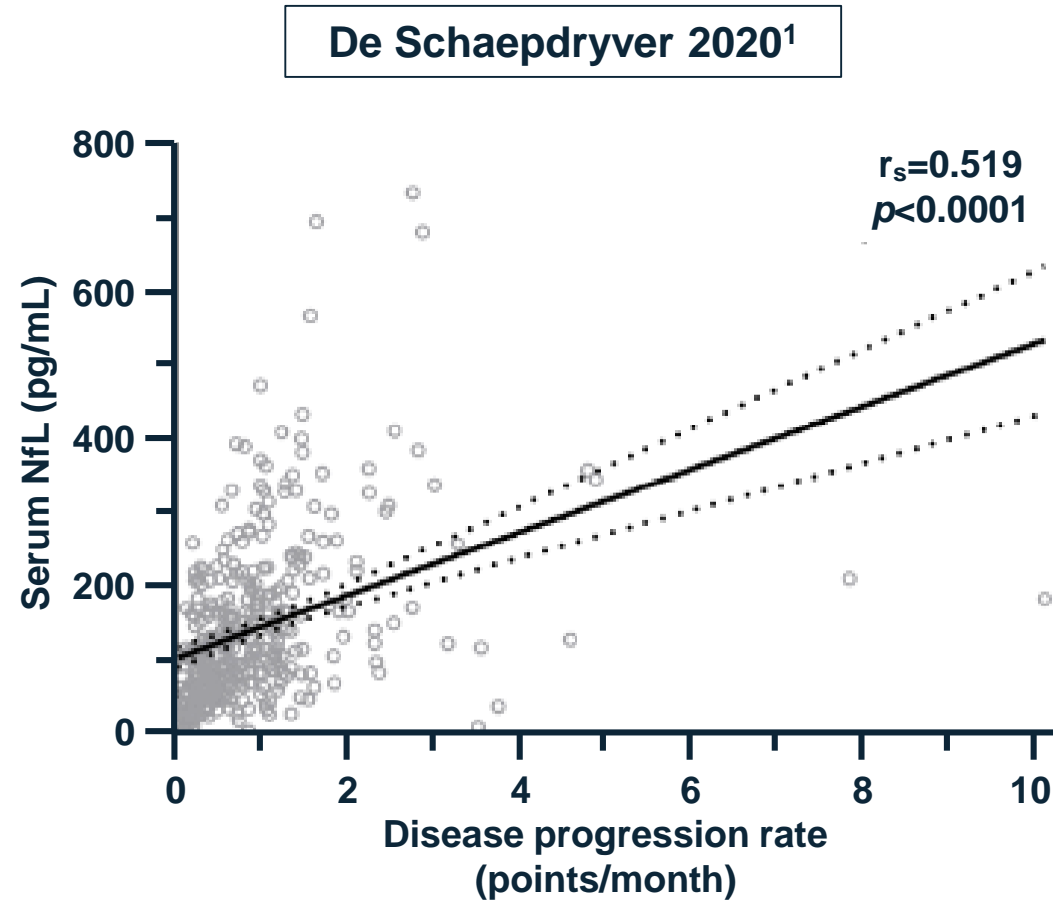
# Neurofilament levels correlate with disease progression rate in ALS



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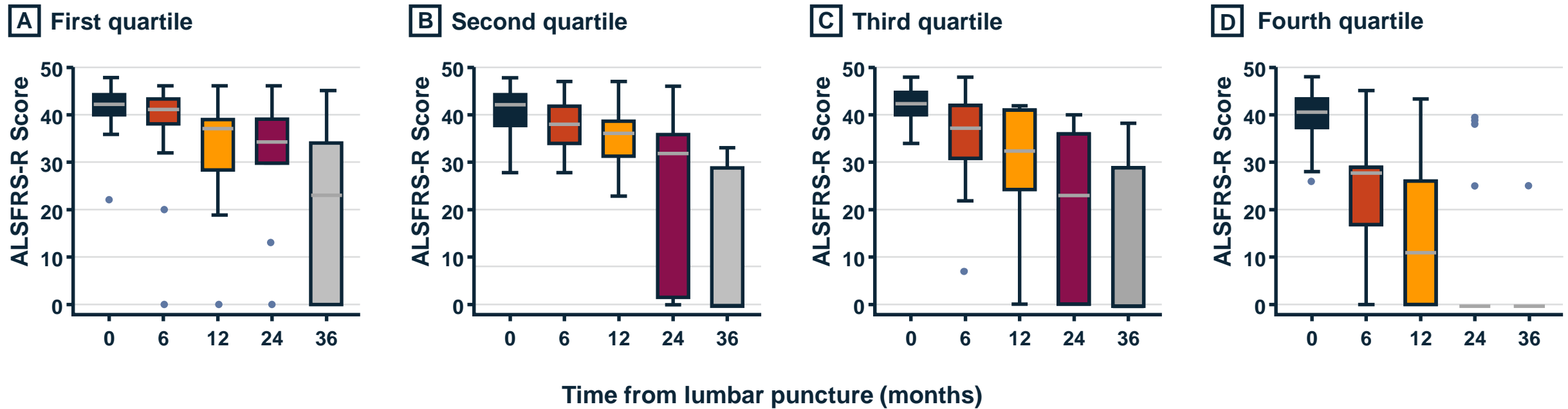


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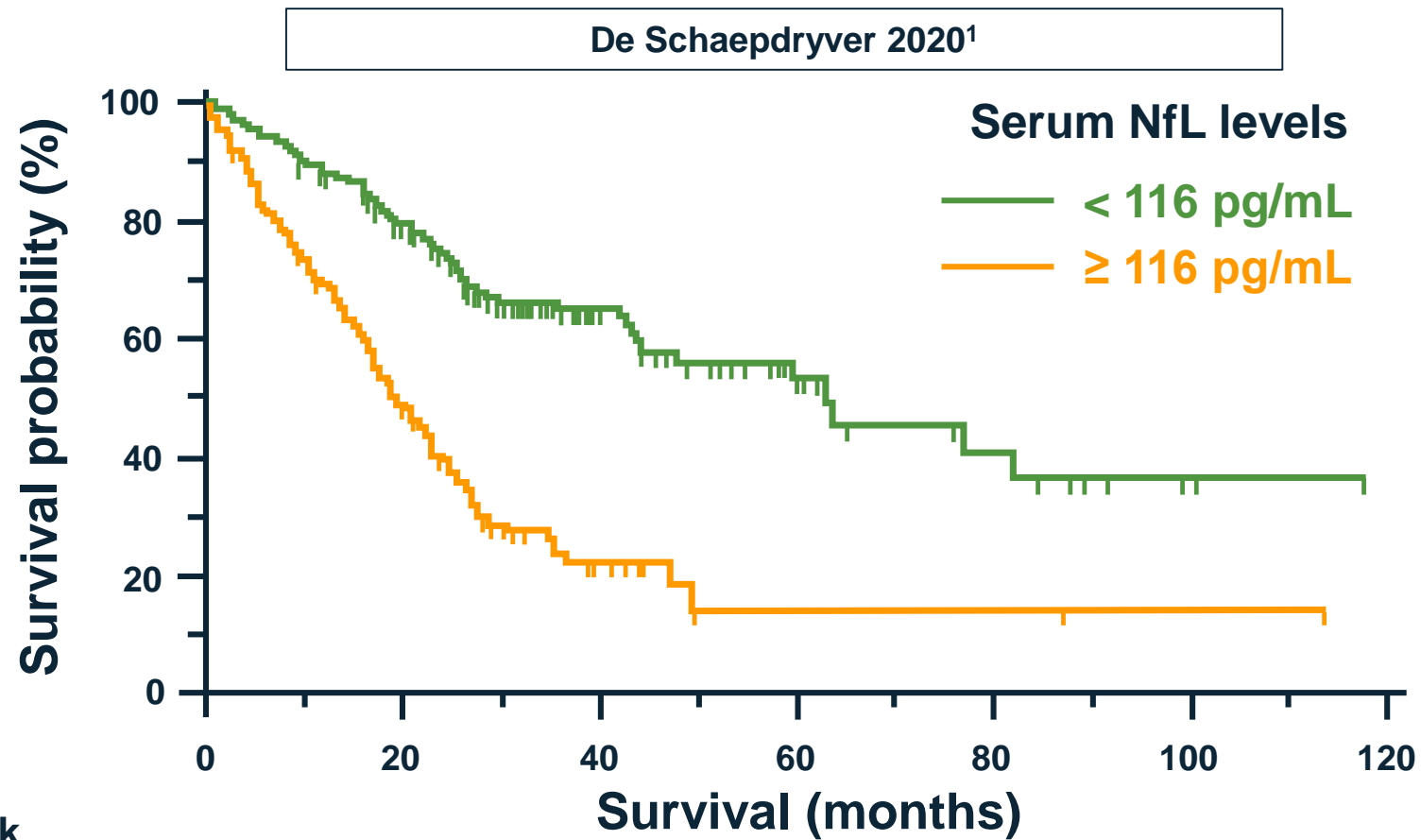
# Neurofilament levels are prognostic for decline in clinical function in ALS

Gaiani 2017<sup>1</sup>



N=92, Quartiles defined by CSF NfL concentration measured by commercially available ELISA kit (NfL, Uman Diagnostics, Umea, Sweden)

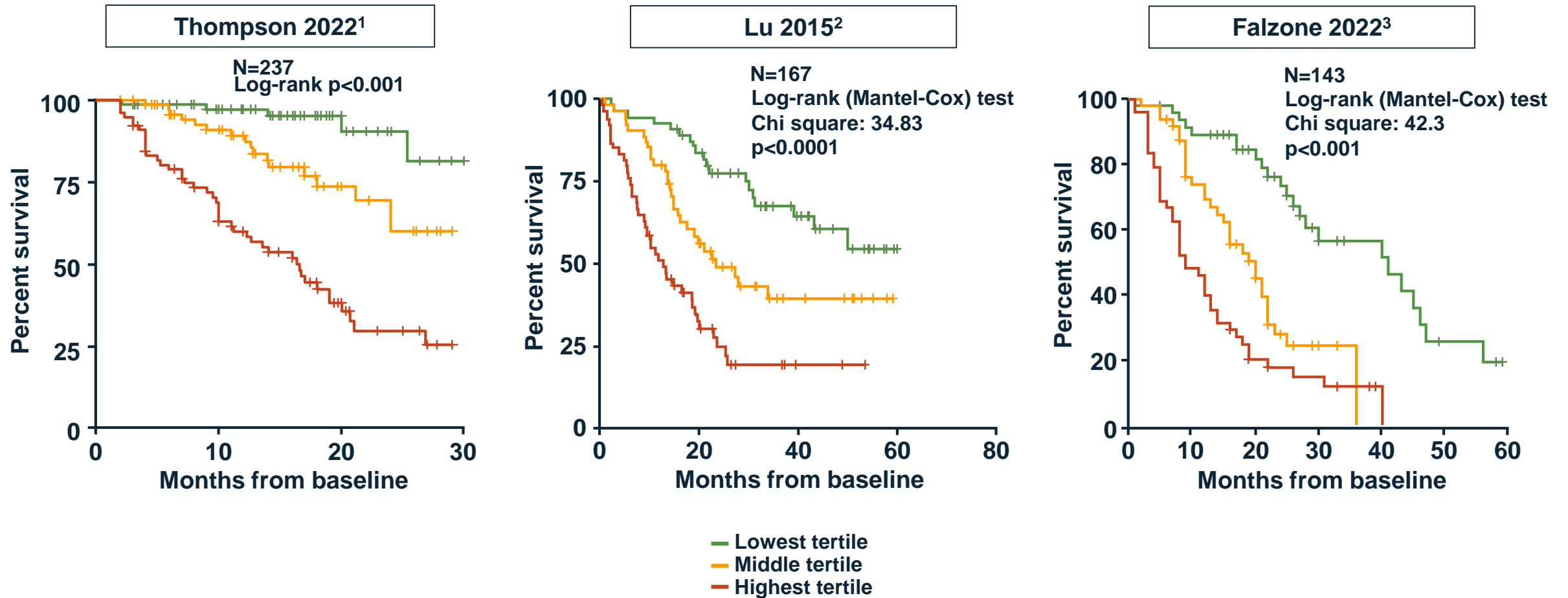
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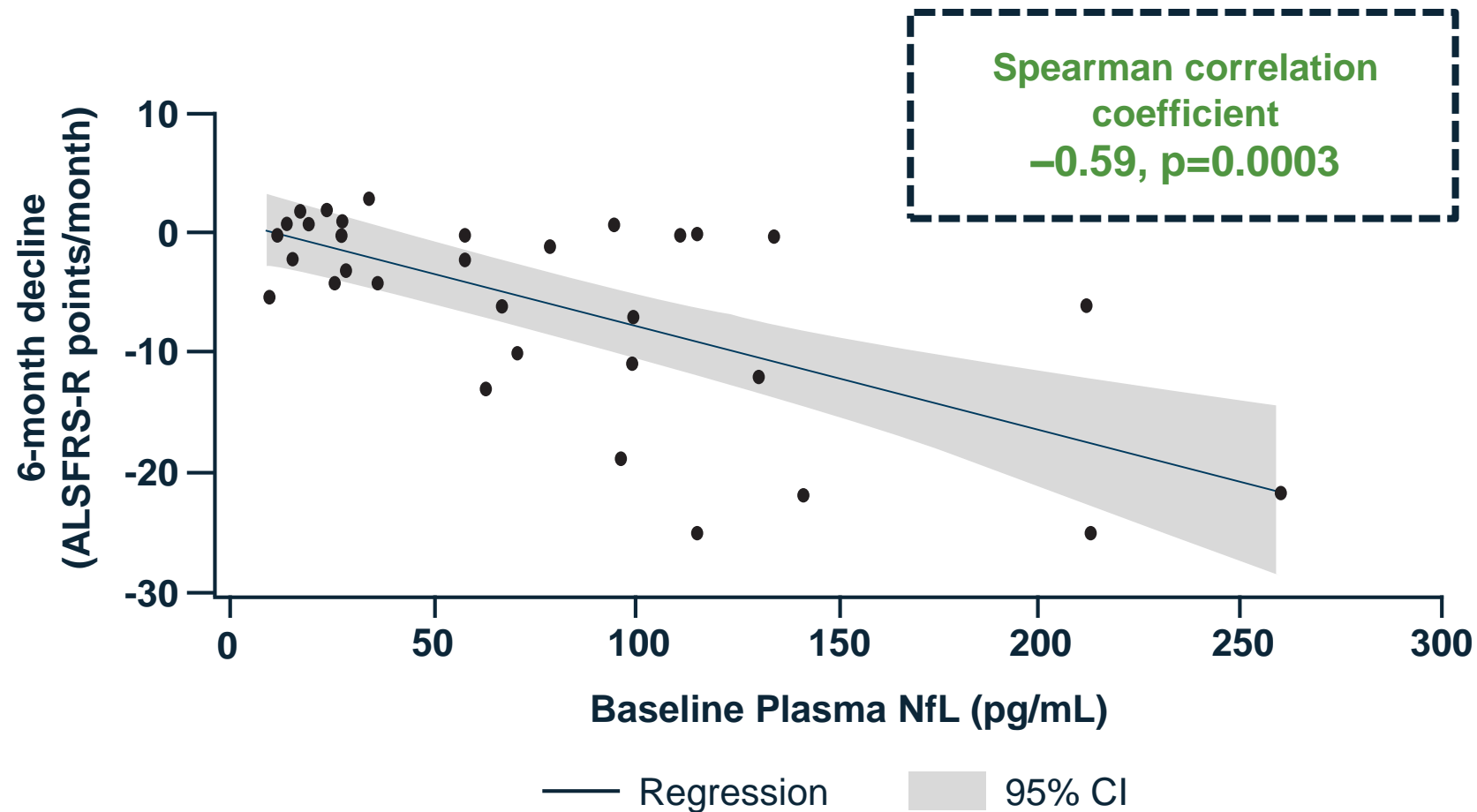
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# Prognostic utility of NF appears similar in *SOD1*-ALS

Baseline plasma NfL correlates with ALSFRS-R decline in VALOR placebo participants (n=33)



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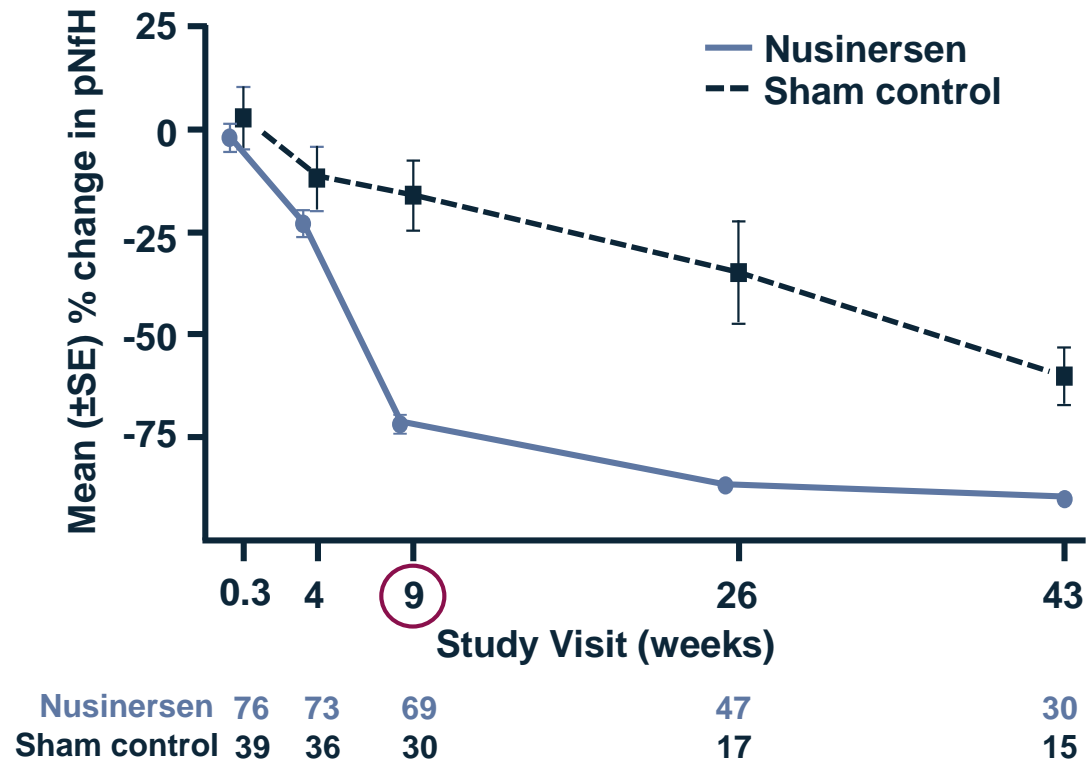
Biomarker of treatment  
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surrogate biomarker



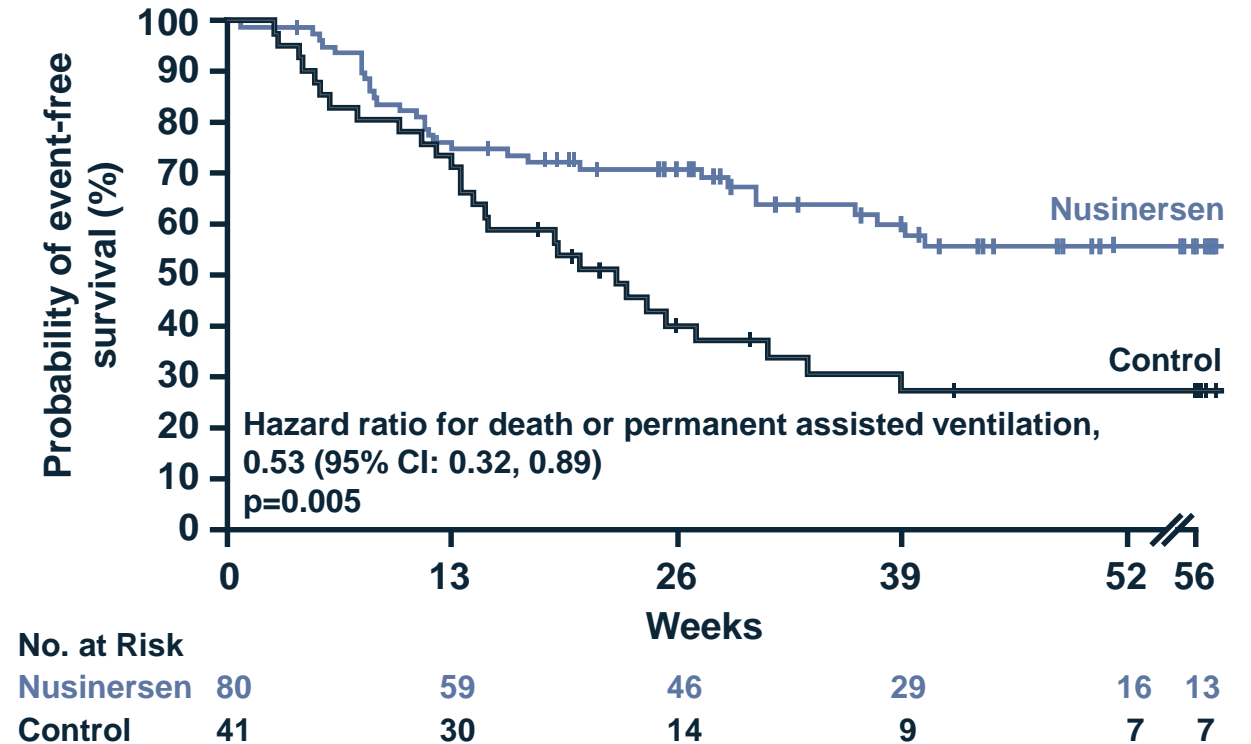
# Treatment-driven reductions in neurofilament preceded clinical benefit in other neurodegenerative diseases

Spinraza (Nusinersen) ENDEAR study in infantile-onset SMA

Plasma pNfH, Darras 2019<sup>1</sup>



Event-free survival, Finkel 2017<sup>2</sup>

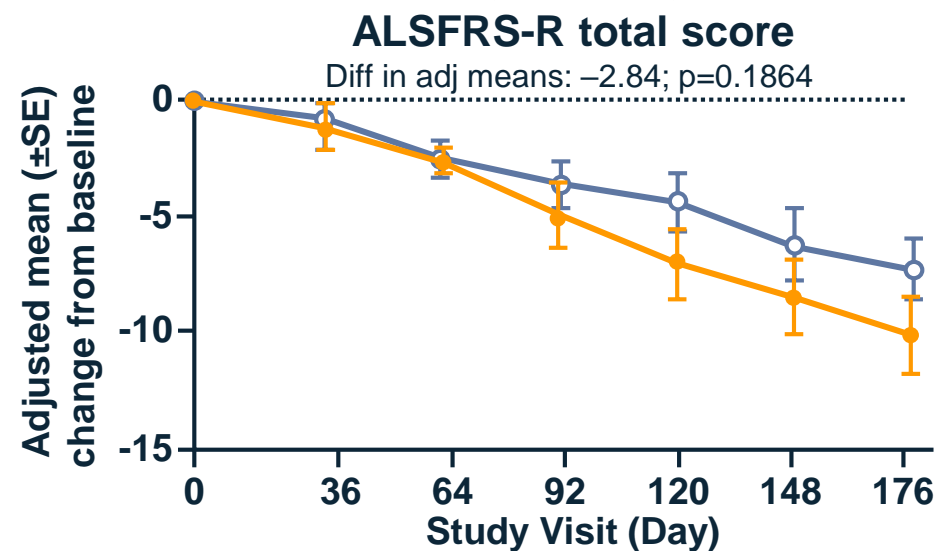
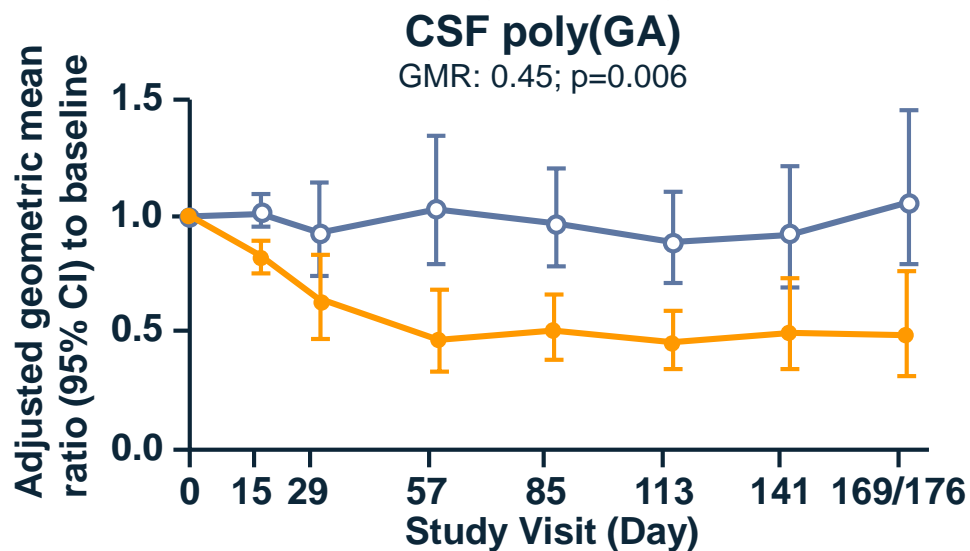
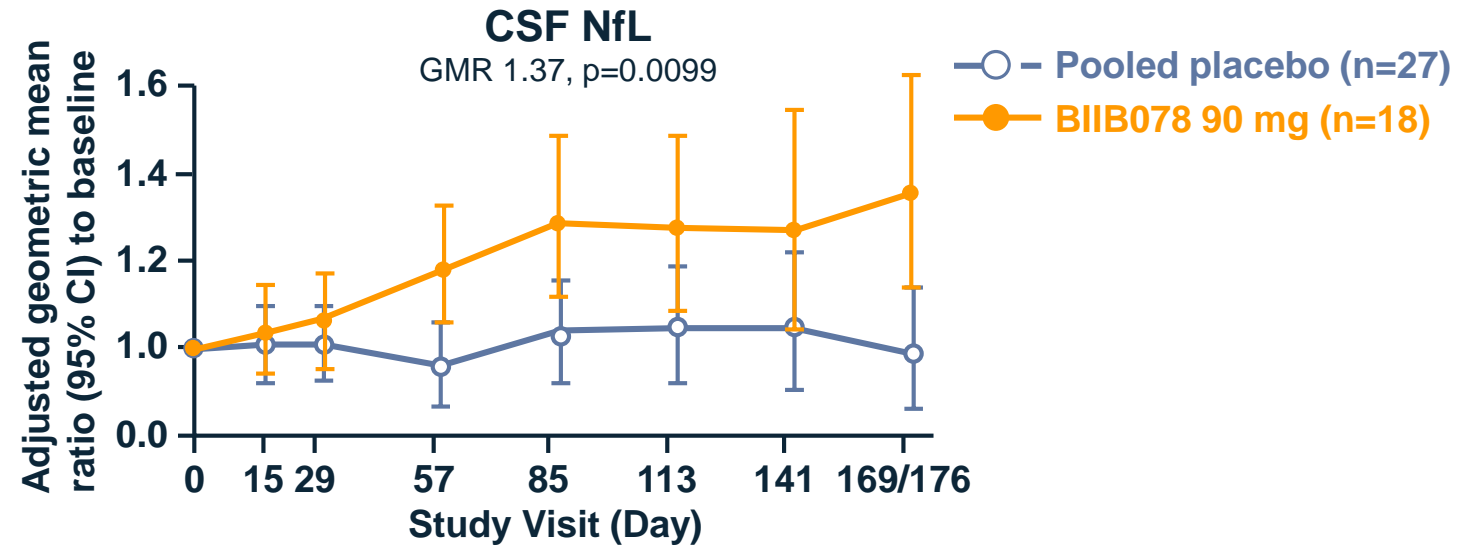
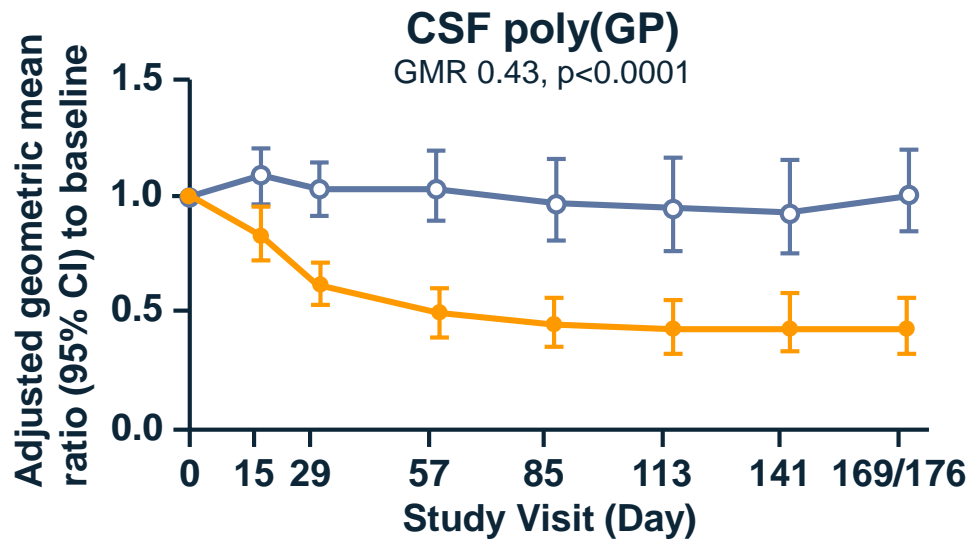


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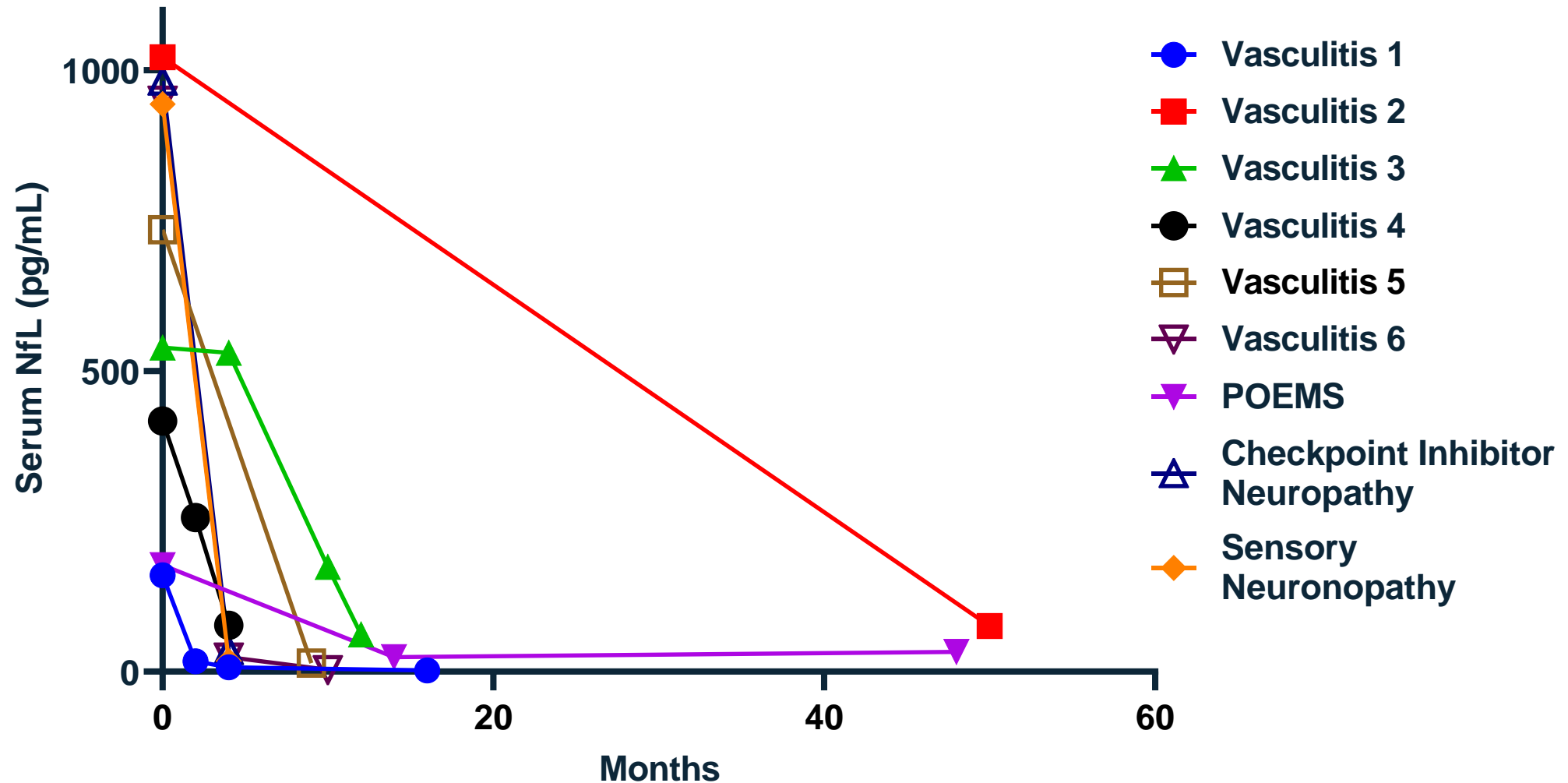
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# Treatment-driven increases in NfL were associated with worse clinical outcomes in *C9orf72*-ALS

BIIB078 Phase 1 multiple-ascending-dose study in adults with *C9orf72*-ALS



# NfL is elevated in some neuropathies and decreases with treatment



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- *SOD1*-ALS is a disease associated with motor neuron death
- Neurofilament is a marker of motor neuron integrity, as degenerating motor neurons leak neurofilament, primarily from their injured axons
- Consistently, neurofilament levels have been found to be prognostic for disease progression and survival in ALS— higher levels associated with faster disease progression and shortened survival
- Treatment-driven lowering of neurofilament is thought to represent a slowing of axonal injury and neurodegeneration



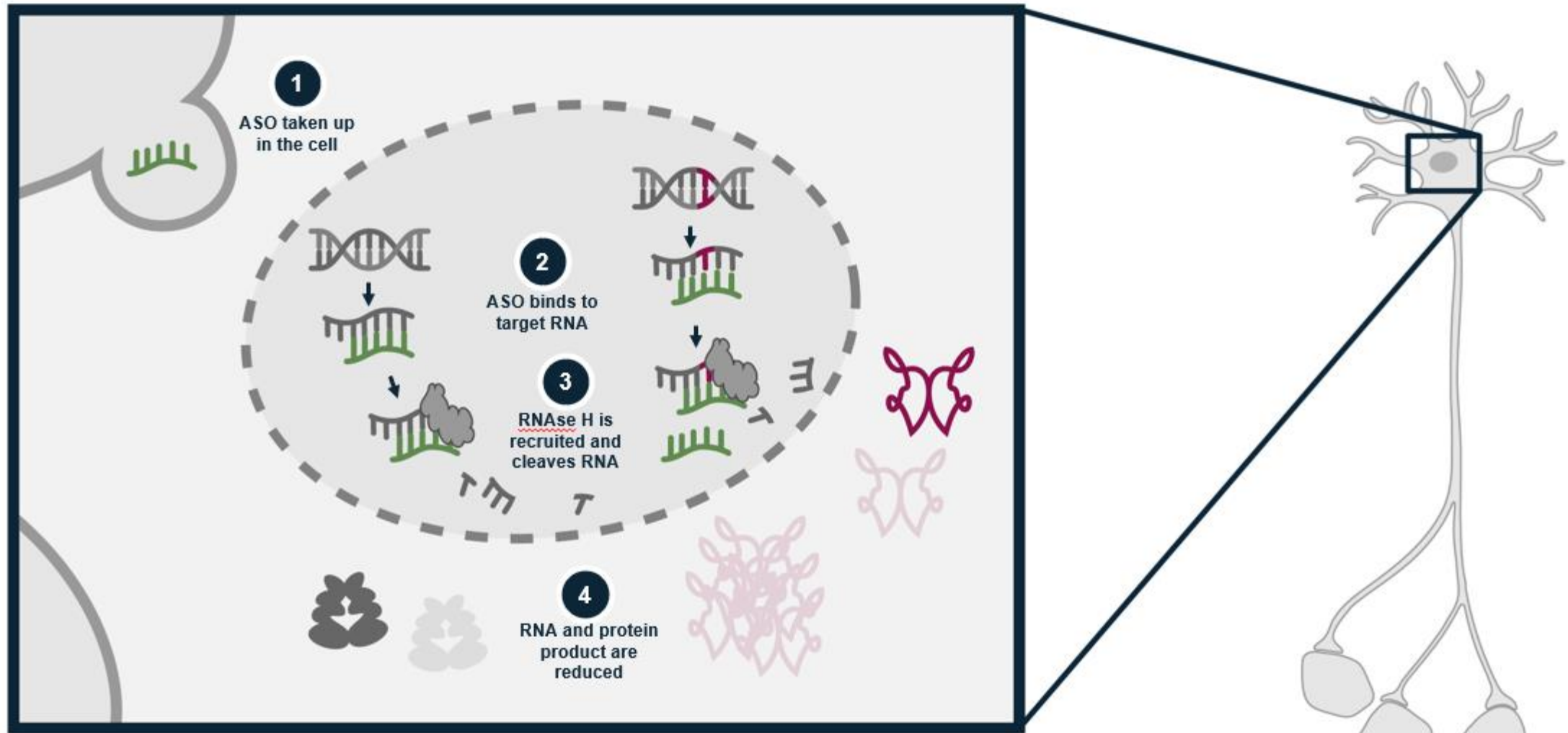
# Efficacy

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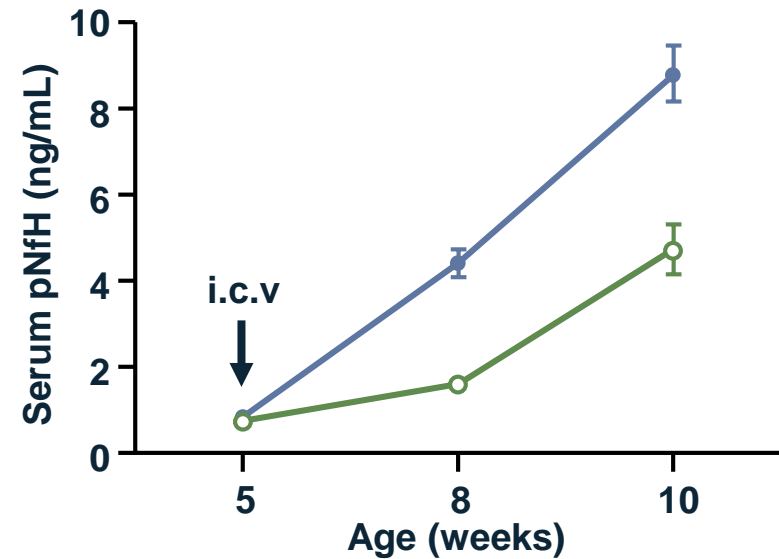
# Tofersen mediates degradation of *SOD1* mRNA to reduce synthesis of SOD1 protein



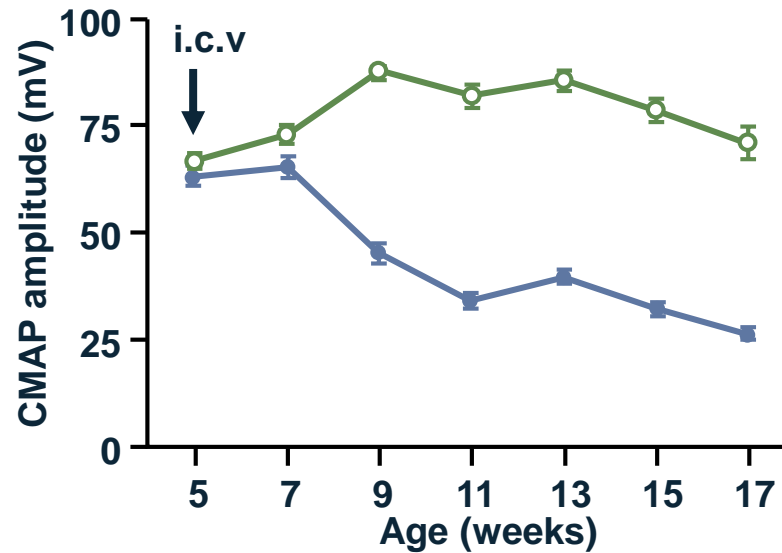
ASO, antisense oligonucleotide, RNA, ribonucleic acid; RNase H, ribonuclease H.  
Based on Robberecht W, Philips T. *Nat Rev Neurosci.* 2013;14:248-264.

# In *SOD1*-G93A transgenic mice, tofersen reduced NF levels, preserved motor units, and prolonged survival

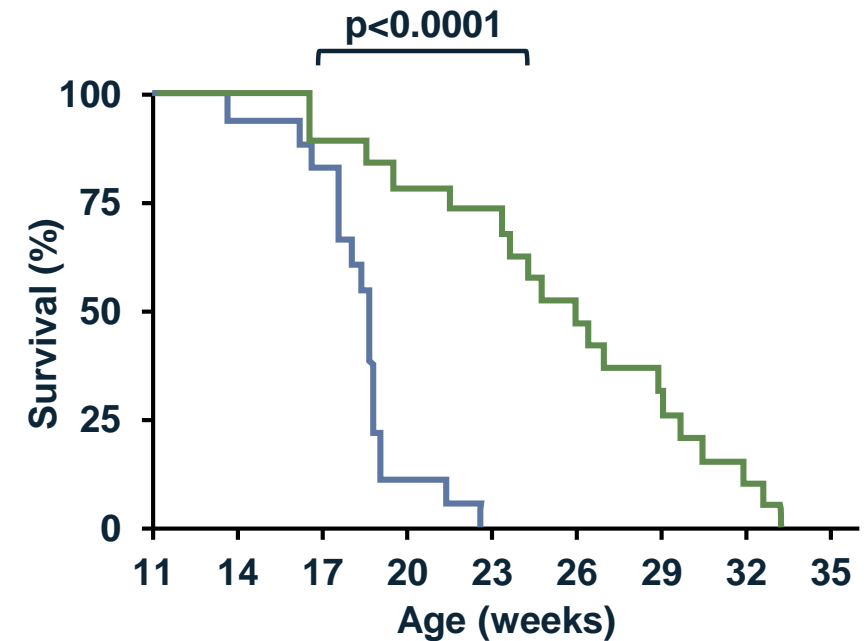
## Neurofilament



## Compound Muscle Action Potential

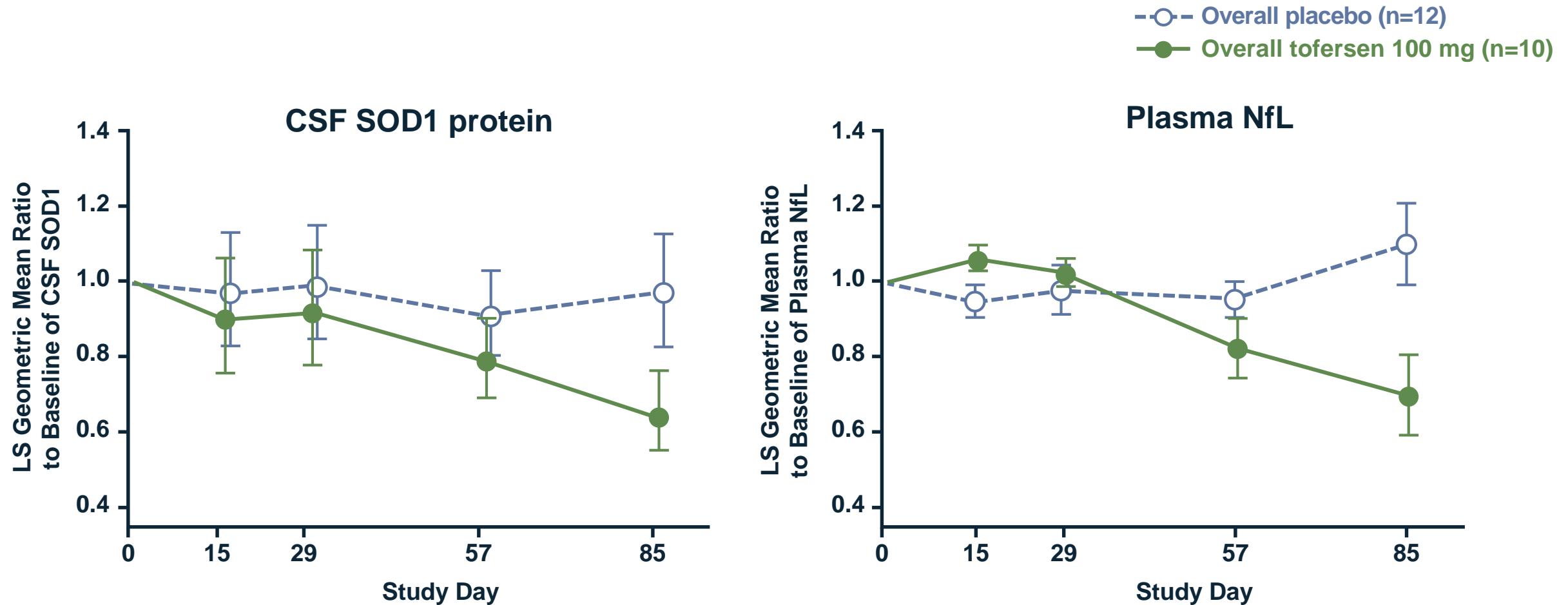


## Survival



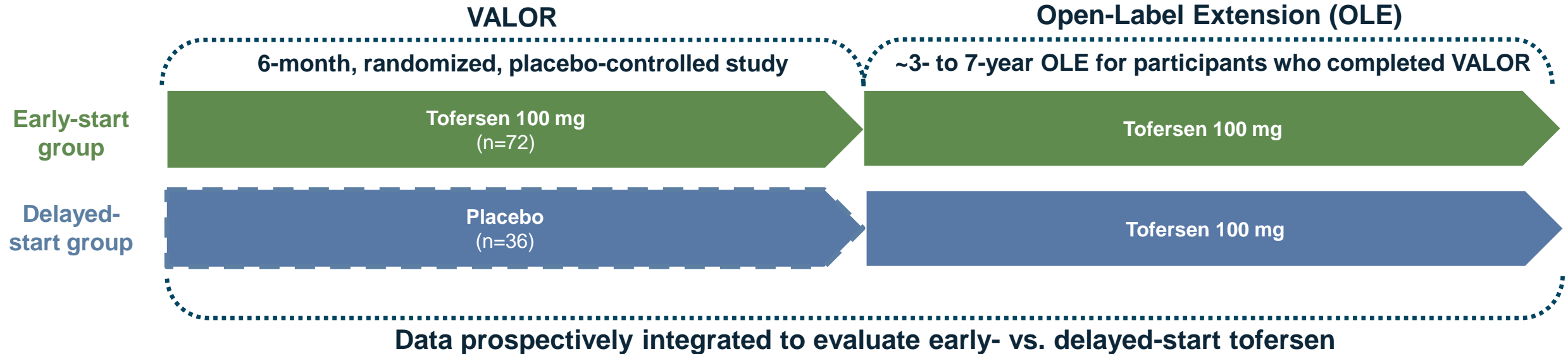
— Inactive ASO    — SOD1 ASO

# In the Phase 1/2 clinical study, tofersen was generally safe and found to reduce levels of CSF SOD1 and plasma NfL





# VALOR and its Open-Label Extension were conducted to evaluate tofersen in adults with *SOD1*-ALS



## Population (n=108)

- Adults with weakness attributable to ALS and a confirmed *SOD1* mutation

## Primary analysis population

- Faster Progression Subgroup; “FPS (mutation/slope)” composed of n=60 participants predicted to have faster progressing disease based on *SOD1* mutation type and/or pre-randomization ALSFRS-R slope

## Primary endpoint

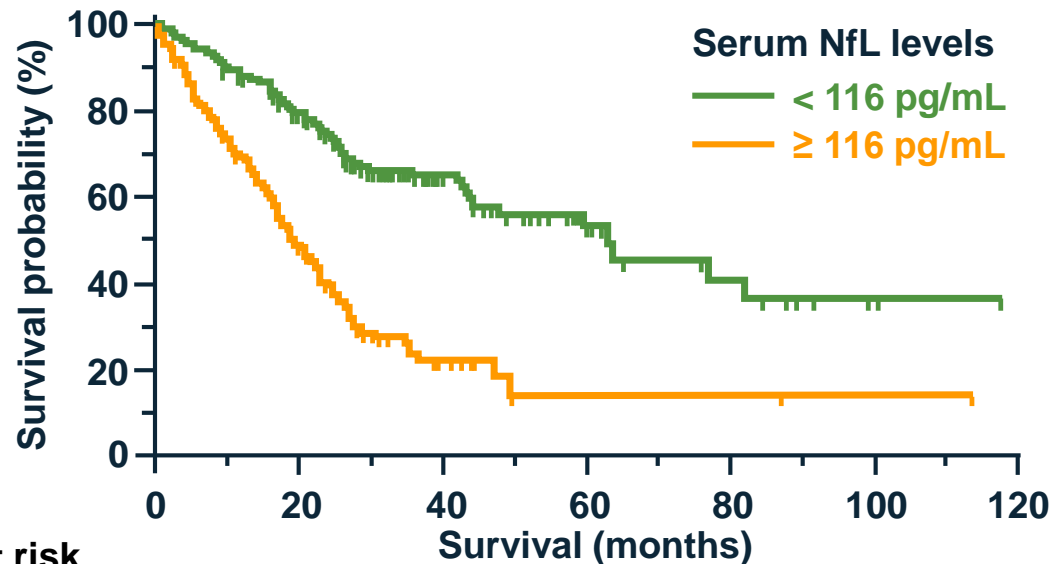
- ALSFRS-R total score

## Secondary endpoints (in order of testing)

- Total *SOD1* protein
- Plasma NfL
- Percent-predicted slow vital capacity (SVC)
- HHD megascore
- Ventilation assistance-free survival
- Overall survival

# Baseline NfL levels were also utilized to control for disease heterogeneity

## Multivariate Cox Regression Survival Curves



Number at risk

Group	0	20	40	60	80	100	120
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De Schaepdryver 2020<sup>1</sup>

## Cox Proportional Hazards Modeling

	Blood (n = 248)		
	HR [95% confidence interval]	P	Adj P
Age of onset	1.39 [0.96–2.02]	0.087	0.347
FVC	0.62 [0.40–0.98]	0.051	0.308
Spinal onset	1.39 [0.96–2.02]	0.087	0.347
PR	0.77 [0.38–1.57]	0.483	0.828
ALS-specific ECAS score	1.16 [0.71–1.89]	0.572	0.858
Latency from symptom onset	0.74 [0.50–1.11]	0.159	0.477
<b>Plasma NFL</b>	<b>2.99 [1.65–5.41]</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>0.016</b>
CSF NFL	–	–	–
CSF CHIT1	–	–	–
C3	1.38 [0.70–2.69]	0.367	0.735
C4	0.97 [0.50–1.88]	0.918	0.918
CRP	0.96 [0.54–1.68]	0.876	0.918
Ferritin	0.91 [0.51–1.61]	0.741	0.918
CK	0.78 [0.50–1.20]	0.268	0.644

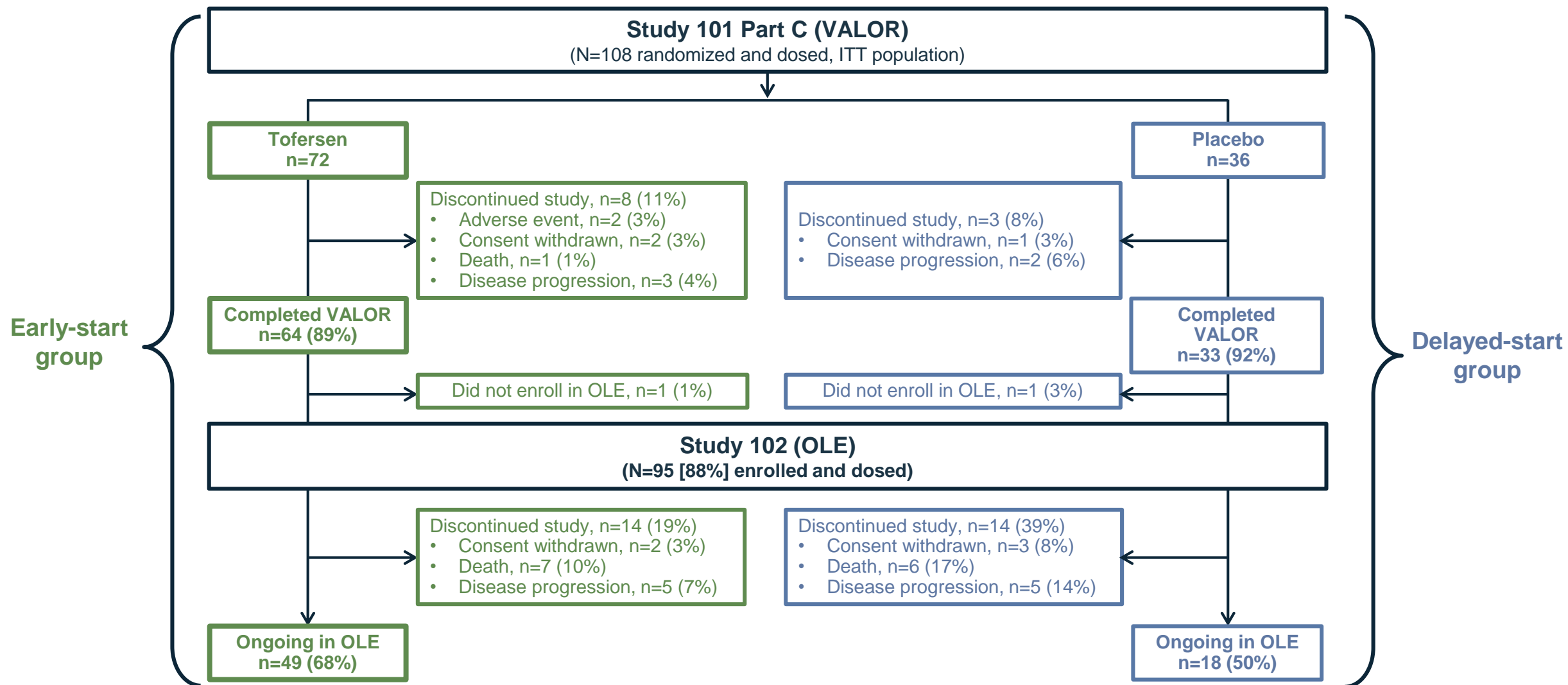
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# Participant disposition

Combined VALOR + OLE; ITT population



# Baseline demographics and disease characteristics

Combined VALOR + OLE; ITT population

		VALOR+OLE Integrated (ITT; N=108)	
		VALOR: Placebo VALOR/OLE: Delayed-start tofersen (n=36)	VALOR: Tofersen VALOR/OLE: Early-start tofersen (n=72)
<b>Most common SOD1 mutations</b>			
	p.Ile114Thr	10 (27.8)	10 (13.9)
	p.Ala5Val	6 (16.7)	11 (15.3)
	p.Gly94Cys	2 (5.6)	4 (5.6)
	p.His47Arg	4 (11.1)	1 (1.4)
<b>Riluzole use n (%)</b>		22 (61)	45 (63)
<b>Edaravone use n (%)</b>		3 (8)	6 (8)
<b>Time from symptom onset (m)</b>			
	median (Q1, Q3)	14.6 (6.6, 32.0)	11.4 (7.2, 28.9)
	min, max	2.4, 103.2	1.7, 145.7
<b>% predicted SVC at baseline</b>			
	mean (SD)	85.1 (16.5)	82.1 (16.6)
	min, max	54.8, 120.4	46.7, 134.7
<b>ALSFRS-R baseline total score</b>			
	mean (SD)	37.3 (5.8)	36.9 (5.9)
	min, max	24, 47	15, 48
<b>ALSFRS-R pre-randomization slope</b>			
	mean (SD)	-1.2 (1.2)	-1.1 (1.4)
	min, max	-4.9, -0.02	-8.3, 0.0
<b>ALSFRS-R run-in slope</b>			
	mean (SD)	-0.7 (3.3)	-1.0 (2.2)
	min, max	-11, 10	-9, 4
<b>Plasma NfL (pg/mL)</b>			
	mean (SD)	89.7 (86.5)	100.4 (82.8)
	median (min, max)	64.6 (8, 370)	78.5 (5, 329)

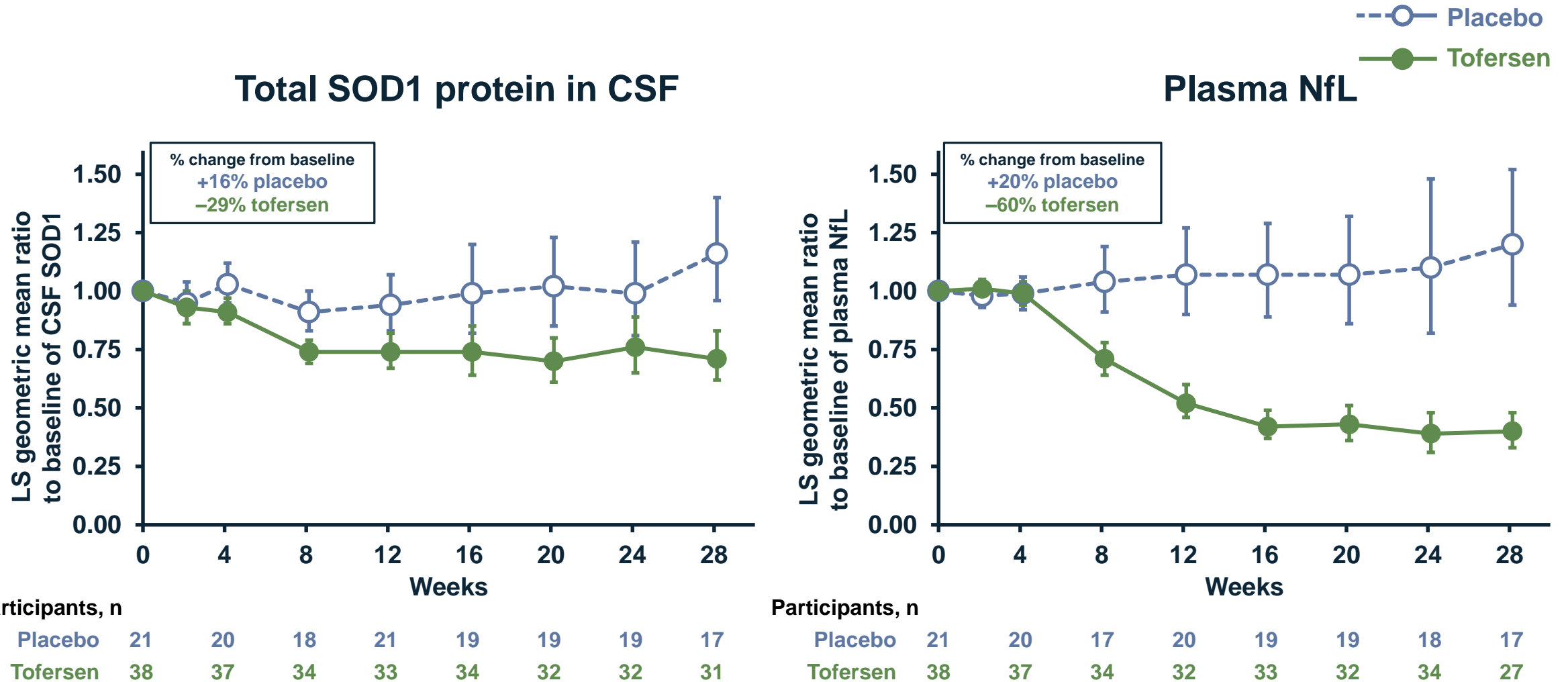
# Baseline demographics and disease characteristics

Combined VALOR + OLE; FPS and SPS (mutation/slope)

	VALOR + OLE Integrated (FPS (mutation/slope); N=60)		VALOR + OLE Integrated (SPS (mutation/slope); N=48)	
	VALOR: Placebo Integrated: Delayed-start tofersen (n=21)	VALOR: Tofersen Integrated: Early-start tofersen (n=39)	VALOR: Placebo Integrated: Delayed-start tofersen (n=15)	VALOR: Tofersen Integrated: Early-start tofersen (n=33)
<b>ALSFRS-R run-in slope</b>				
mean (SD)	-1.3 (3.91)	-1.8 (2.47)	0.1 (1.87)	-0.1 (1.34)
min, max	-11, 10	-9, 3	-3, 4	-3, 4
<b>Plasma NfL (pg/mL)</b>				
mean (SD)	127.3 (94.40)	146.2 (82.63)	37.0 (29.51)	47.6 (41.80)
median (min, max)	110.8 (9, 370)	129.7 (12, 329)	26.8 (8, 99)	41.7 (5, 211)

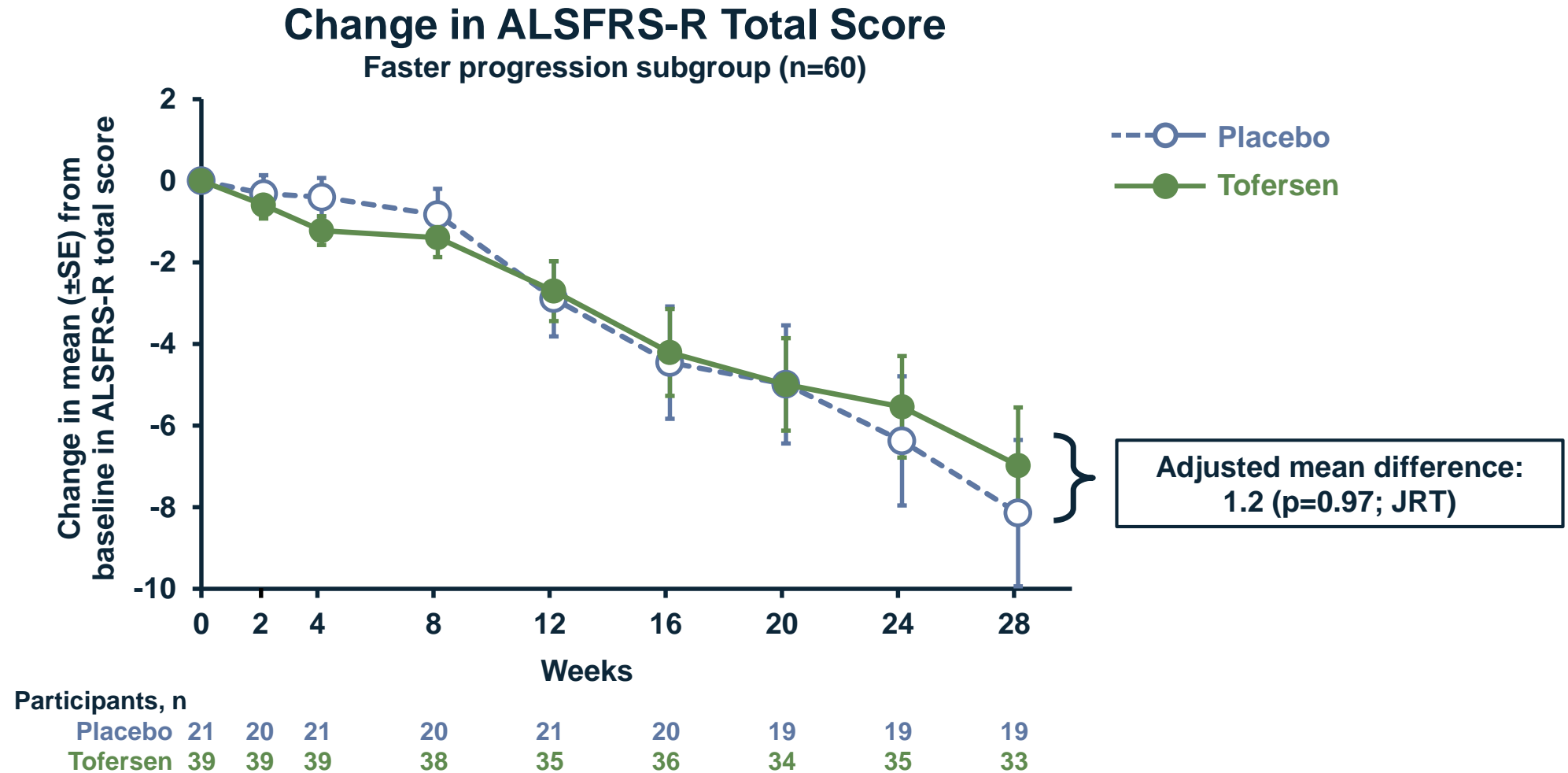
# Tofersen reduced levels of CSF SOD1 and plasma NfL

VALOR, FPS (mutation/slope)



# Statistical significance was not achieved on the primary analysis in VALOR

VALOR, FPS (mutation/slope)



# Trends favoring tofersen observed across secondary and exploratory analyses

VALOR, FPS (mutation/slope) & SPS (mutation/slope)

Key secondary endpoints	Analysis population	Placebo	Tofersen	Absolute difference
<b>CSF SOD1 protein</b> <i>% change from baseline in geometric mean</i>	FPS (mutation/slope)	16% increase	29% reduction	45% (p<0.0001*)
	SPS (mutation/slope)	19% reduction	40% reduction	21% (p=0.0007*)
<b>Plasma NfL</b> <i>% change from baseline in geometric mean</i>	FPS (mutation/slope)	20% increase	60% reduction	80% (p<0.0001*)
<b>%-Predicted Slow Vital Capacity</b> <i>Adjusted mean (<math>\pm</math>SE) change from baseline</i>	FPS (mutation/slope)	-22.2%-predicted	-14.3%-predicted	7.9 (p=0.32; JRT)
<b>HHD Megascoring</b> <i>Adjusted mean (<math>\pm</math>SE) change from baseline</i>	FPS (mutation/slope)	-0.37	-0.34	0.02 (p=0.84; ANCOVA)
<b>Event-free survival</b> <i>Median time to death or PV</i>	FPS (mutation/slope)	Median not reached in either group due to limited number of events		
<b>Overall survival</b> <i>Median time to death</i>	FPS (mutation/slope)	Median not reached in either group due to limited number of events		

\*Nominal p value due to lack of statistical significance on the primary analysis.

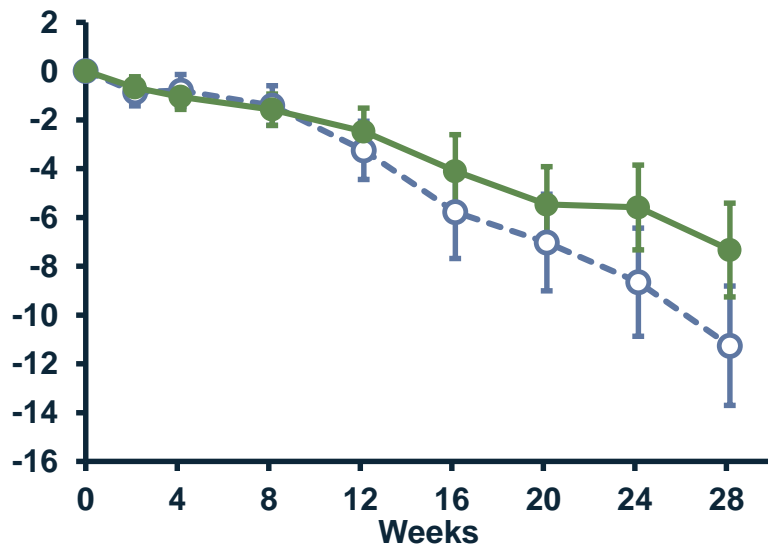


# Greater differentiation observed in faster progression subgroup defined by baseline plasma NfL levels

VALOR, FPS (NF-based)

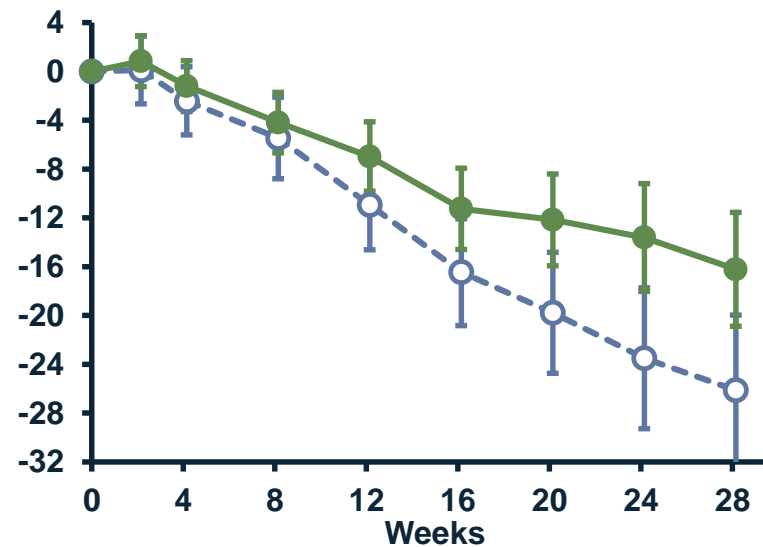
---○ Placebo  
—● Tofersen

### Change in ALSFRS-R Total Score



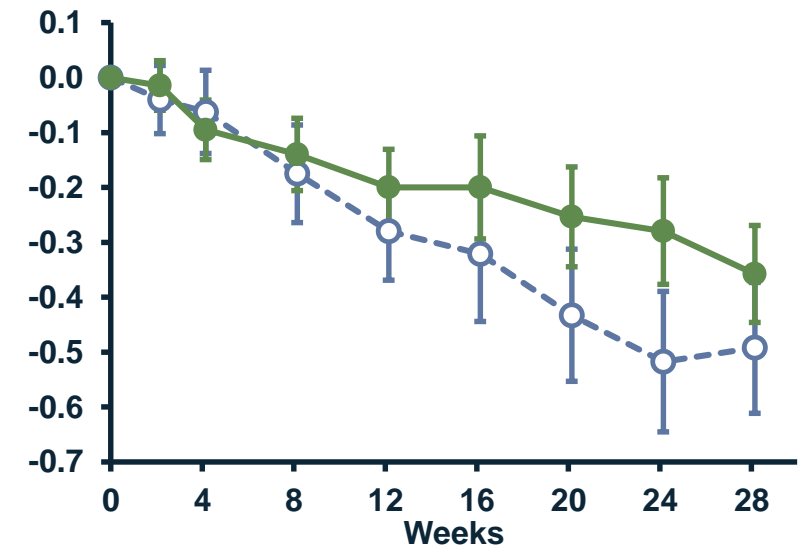
Difference: 3.9 (95% CI: -1.00, 8.86)

### Change in %-Predicted SVC



Difference: 9.91 (95% CI: -2.27, 22.09)

### Change in HHD Megascore



Difference: 0.13 (95% CI: -0.11, 0.37)

\* Median plasma NfL = 75.6 pg/mL.

ALSFRS-R, ALS Functional Rating Scale-Revised; FPS, faster progression group; HHD, handheld dynamometry; NfL, neurofilament light; SVC, slow vital capacity.

# Factors affecting the primary analysis



**Mechanisms  
to control for  
disease  
heterogeneity**

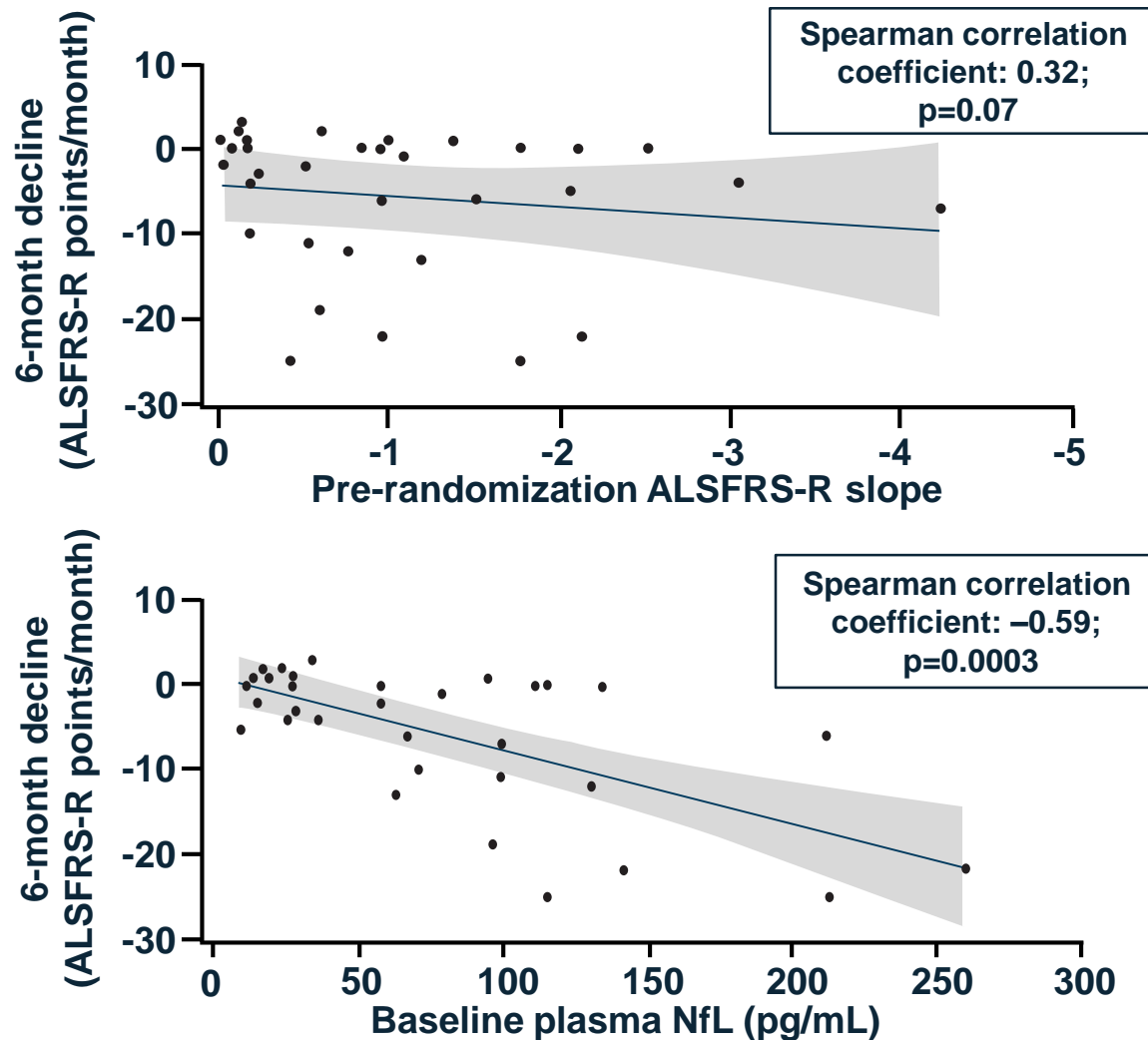


**Duration**

# Factors affecting the primary analysis

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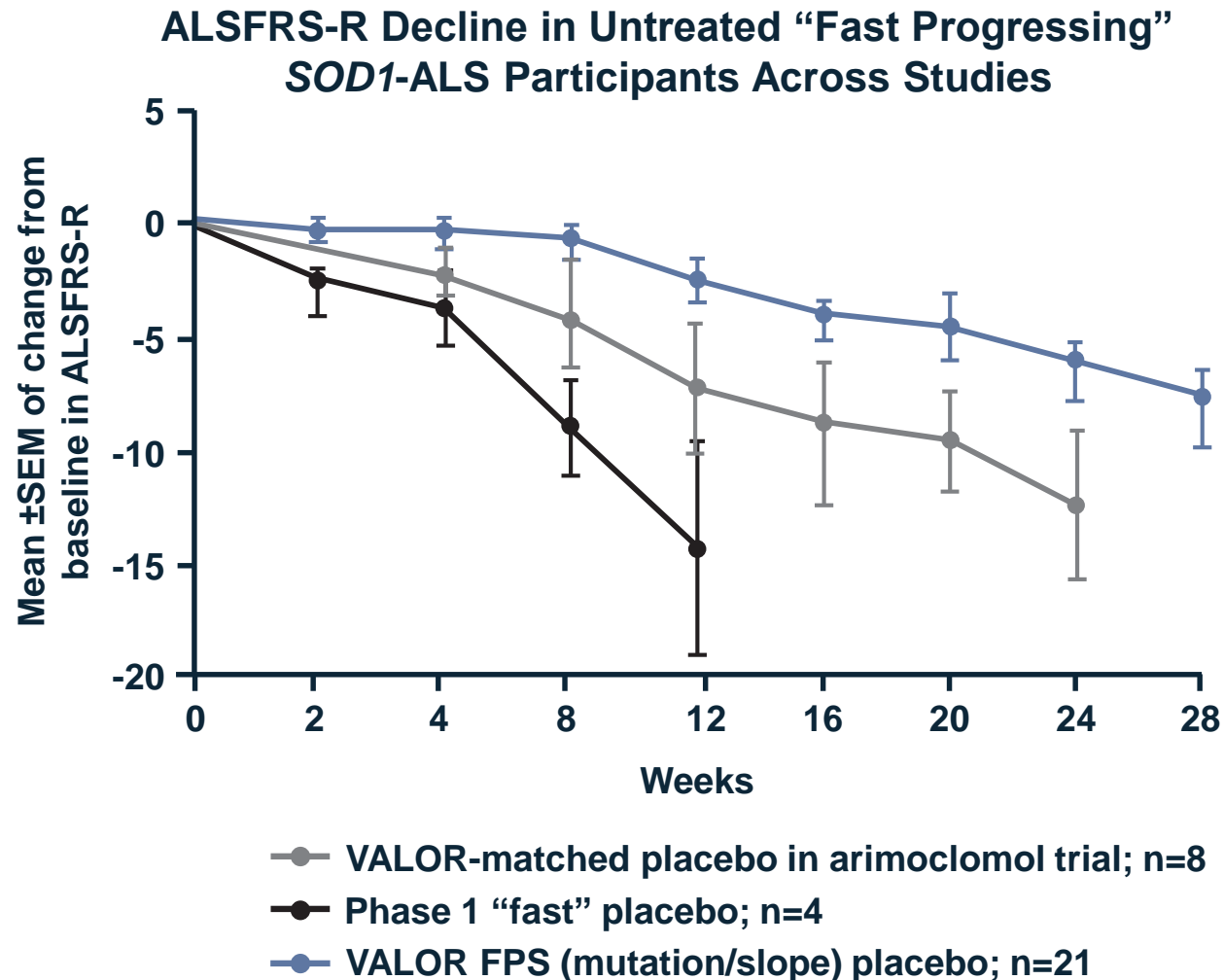
Correlation Between Key Baseline Characteristics and Change in ALSFRS-R in VALOR Placebo Participants



## Baseline neurofilament levels can be used to control for disease heterogeneity

- Supported by robust ALS literature
- Superior to historical approaches to enrich with clinical features (diagnostic stage, disease duration, ALSFRS-R slope, mutation type, SVC)
- Incorporation of baseline NfL as a covariate more precisely controls for individual disease progression than categorical subgrouping of the population

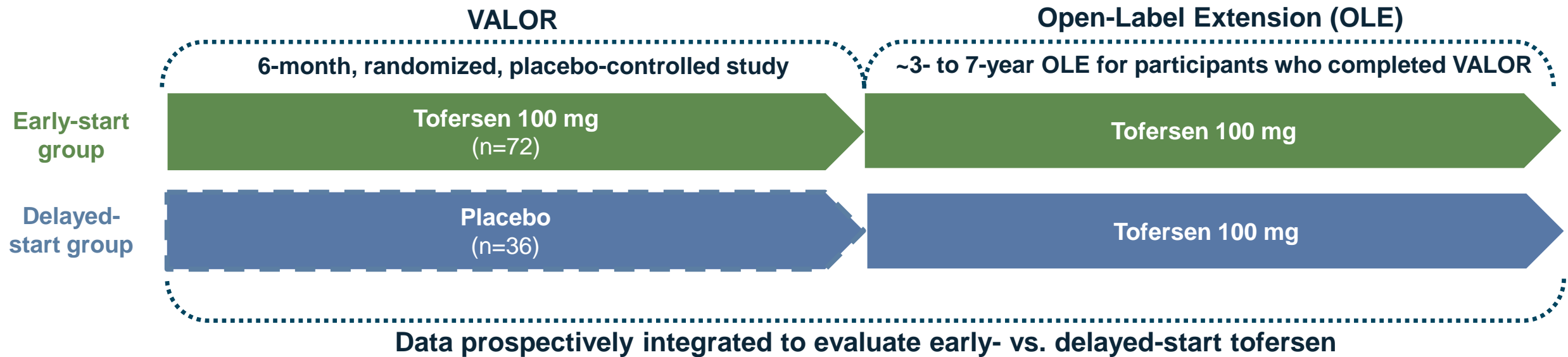
# Factors affecting the primary analysis



**Longer study duration (> 6 months)  
needed to:**

- Reliably detect a decline in the control arm
- Account for potential deaths unrelated to disease progression/study treatment
- Allow sufficient time for biological activity to translate to clinical benefit

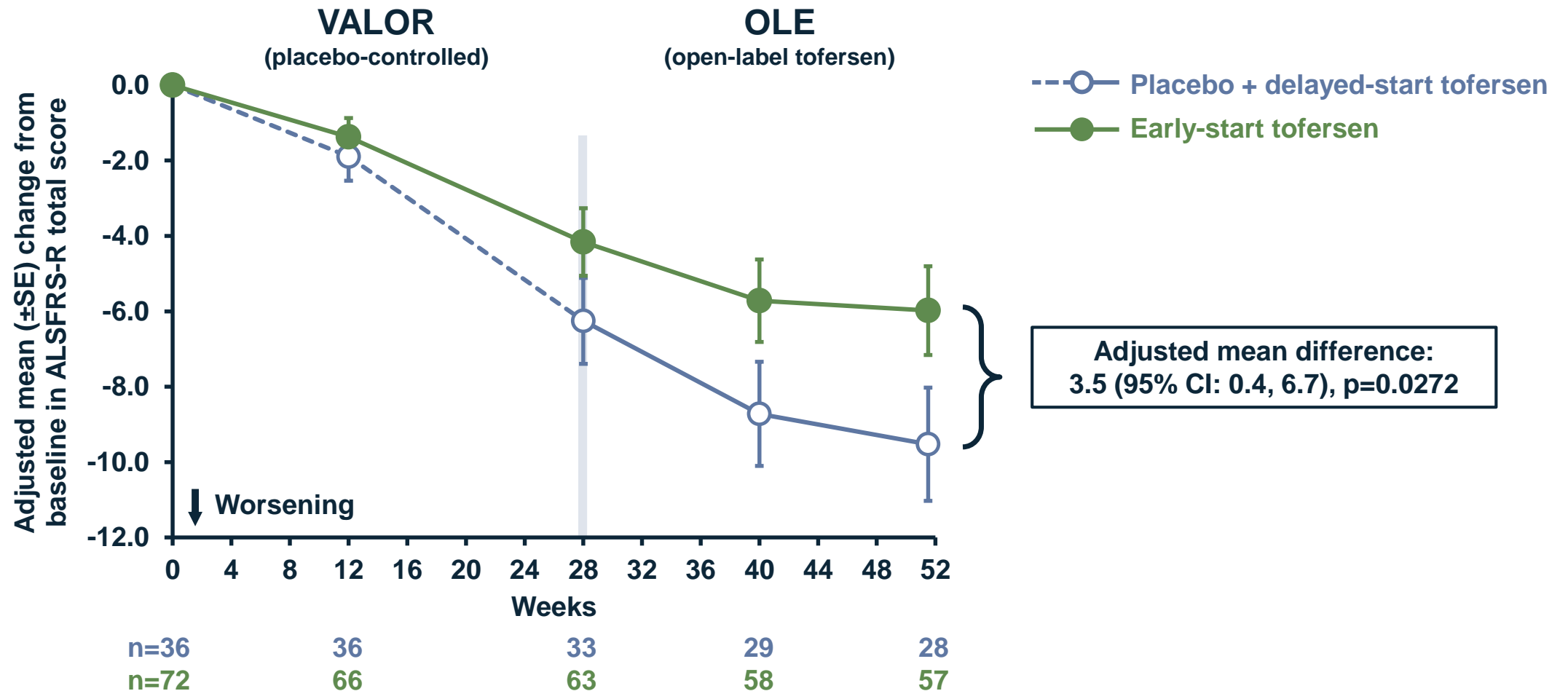
# Integrated VALOR + OLE analyses



To preserve the integrity of ongoing data collection, participants, site staff, and the Biogen study team remain blinded to VALOR treatment assignments through completion of the OLE

# Effect on clinical function (ALSFRS-R)

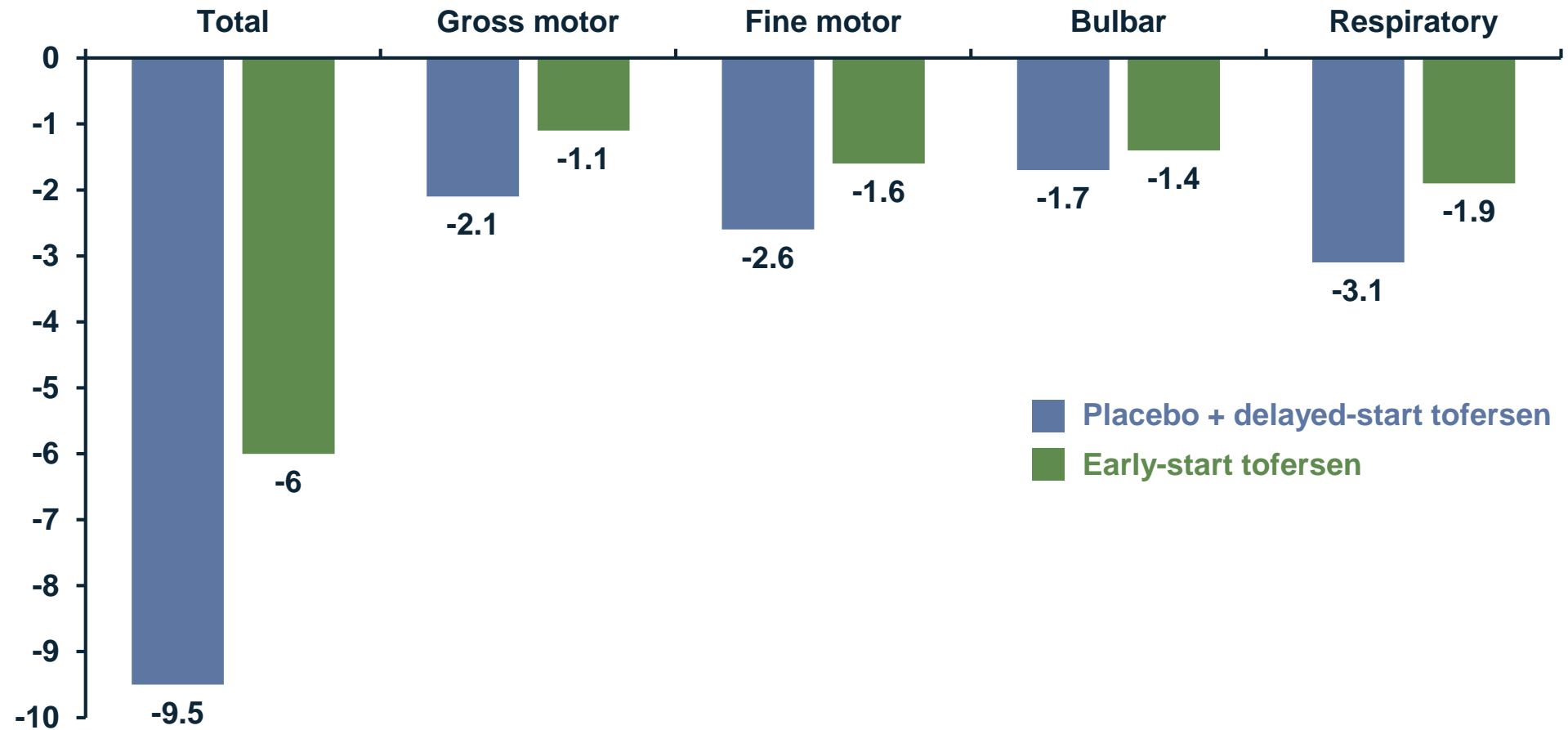
Combined VALOR + OLE; ITT population



ALS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; ALSFRS-R, ALS Functional Rating Scale–Revised; OLE, open-label extension. Analysis is based on ANCOVA model in conjunction with multiple imputation for missing data. The model includes covariates for the corresponding baseline value, baseline plasma NfL, and use of riluzole or edaravone.

# Effect on ALSFRS-R domains

Combined VALOR + OLE; ITT population



Adjusted mean  
difference (95% CI)

3.5  
(0.4 to 6.7)

1.0  
(0.1, 1.8)

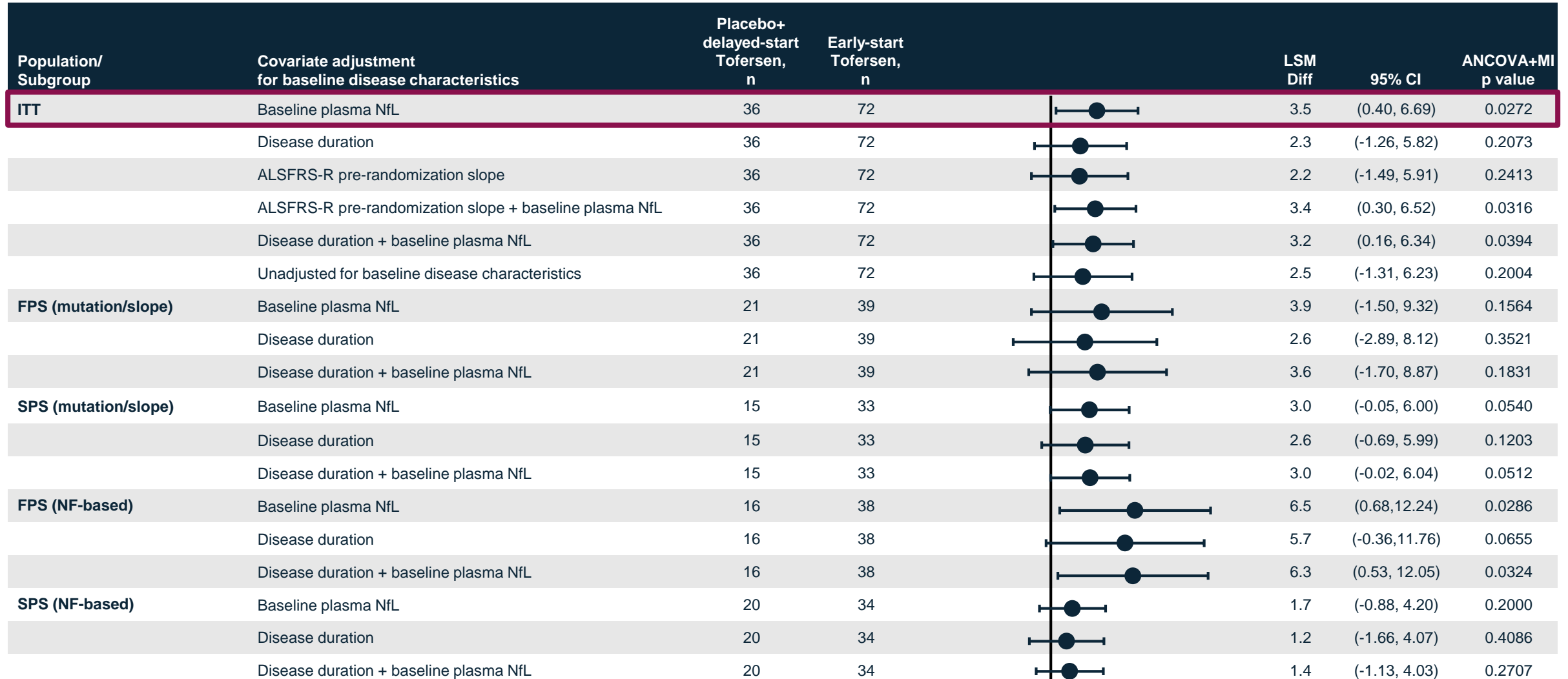
1.0  
(0.1, 2.0)

0.3  
(-0.7, 1.3)

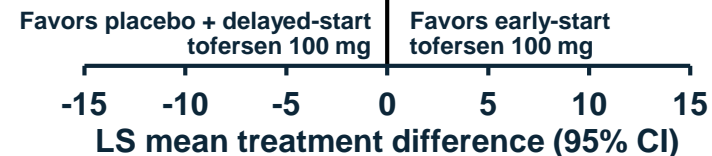
1.2  
(-0.1, 2.6)

# ALSFRS-R covariate forest plot

Combined VALOR + OLE; ITT population; Week 52



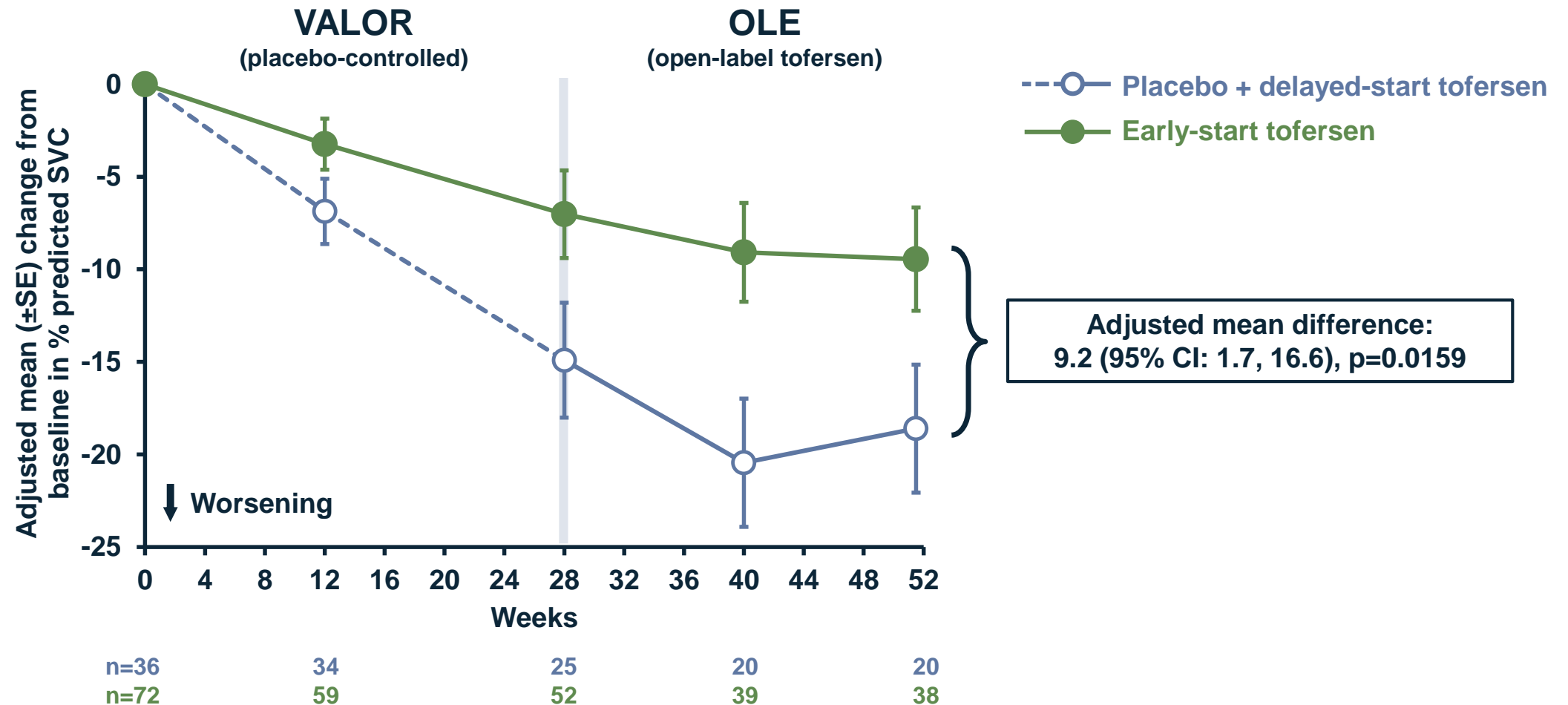
ALSFRS-R, ALS Functional Rating Scale-Revised; ANCOVA, analysis of covariance; ES, early-start tofersen 100 mg; FPS, faster progression subgroup; ITT, intent-to-treat; LSM, least square mean; MI, multiple imputation; NfL, neurofilament light; OLE, open label extension; P+DS, placebo + delayed-start tofersen 100 mg; SPS, slower progression subgroup.





# Effect on respiratory strength (SVC)

Combined VALOR + OLE; ITT population

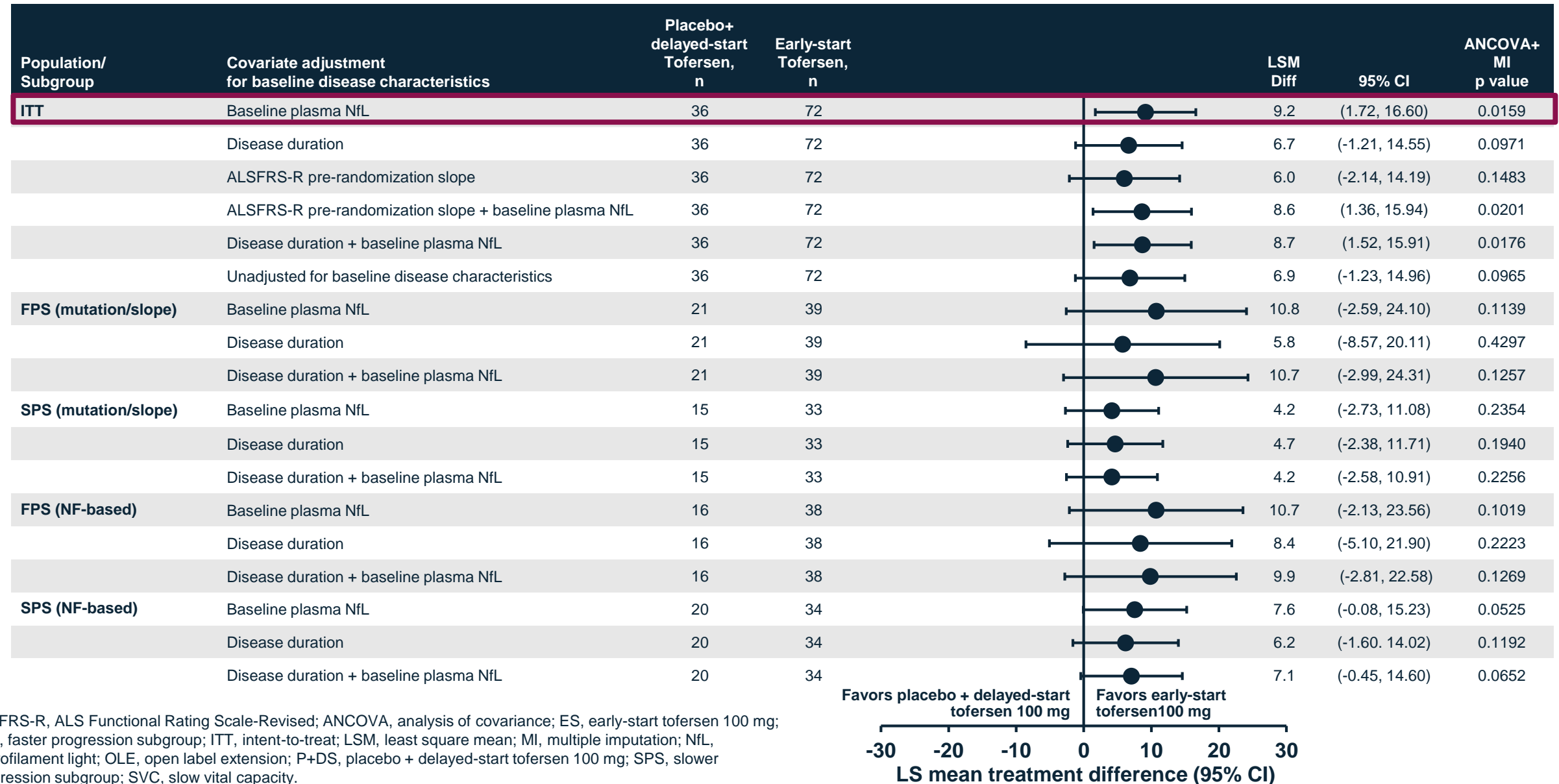


OLE, open-label extension; SVC, slow vital capacity.

Analysis is based on ANCOVA model in conjunction with multiple imputation for missing data. The model includes covariates for the corresponding baseline value, baseline plasma NfL, and use of riluzole or edaravone.

# SVC covariate forest plot

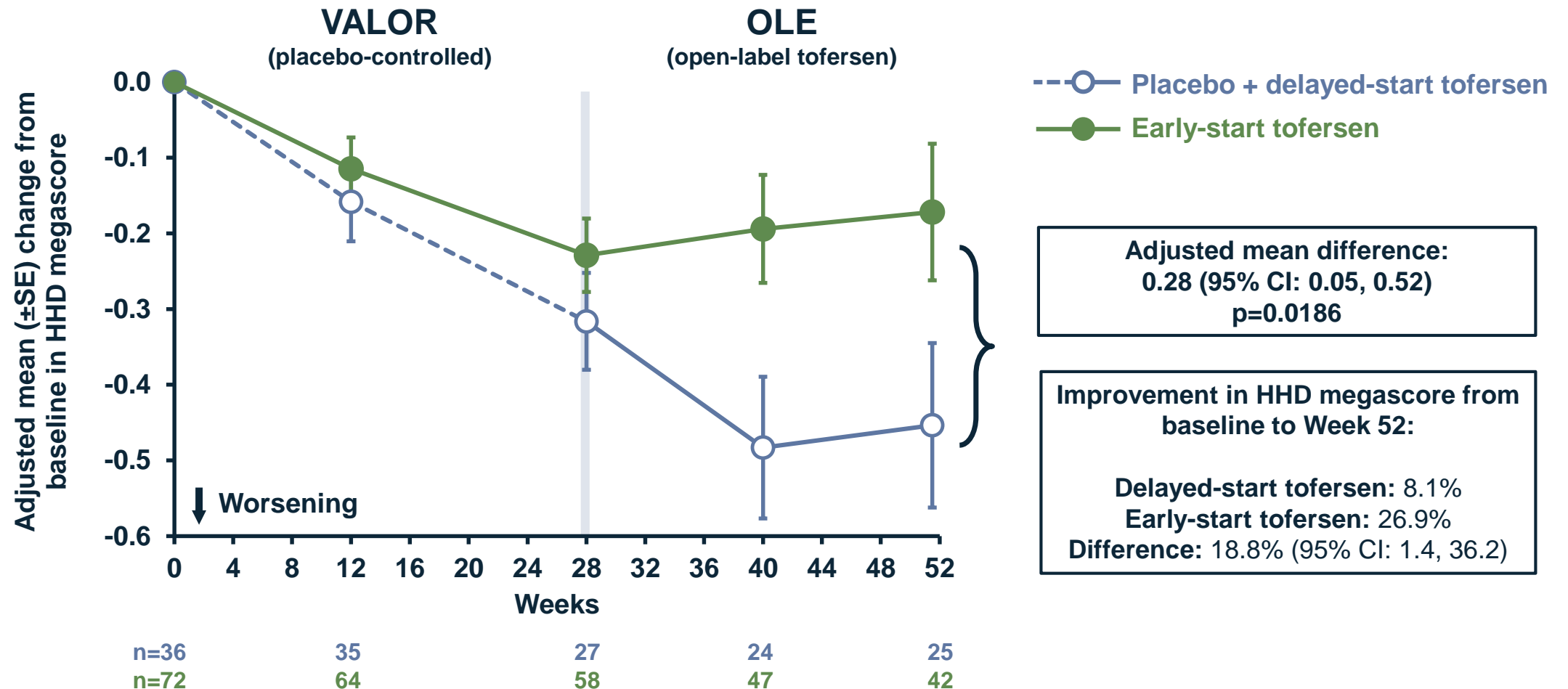
Combined VALOR + OLE; Week 52



ALSFRS-R, ALS Functional Rating Scale-Revised; ANCOVA, analysis of covariance; ES, early-start tofersen 100 mg; FPS, faster progression subgroup; ITT, intent-to-treat; LSM, least square mean; MI, multiple imputation; NfL, neurofilament light; OLE, open label extension; P+DS, placebo + delayed-start tofersen 100 mg; SPS, slower progression subgroup; SVC, slow vital capacity.

# Effect on muscle strength (HHD megascore)

Combined VALOR + OLE; ITT population

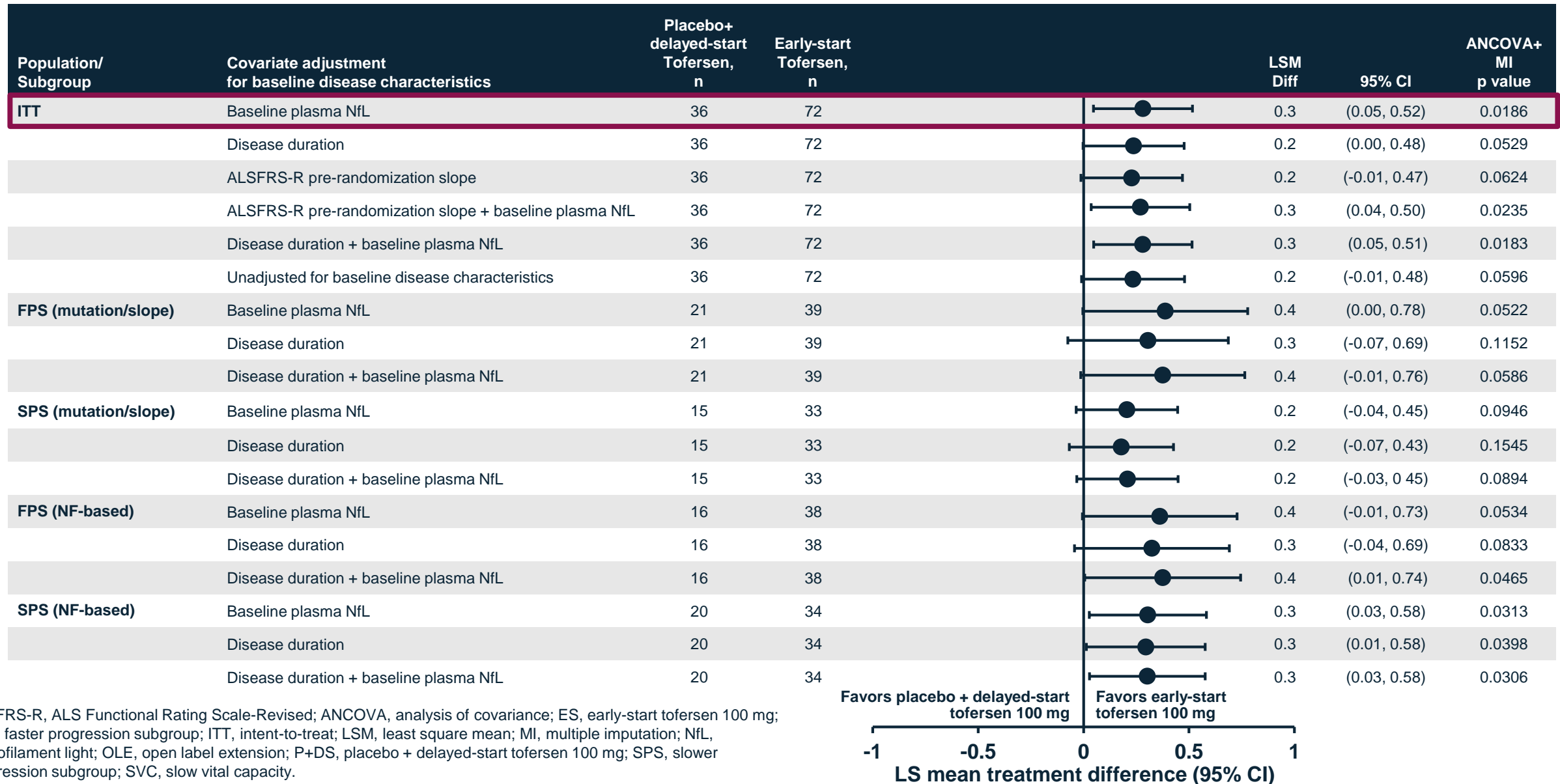


HHD, handheld dynamometry; OLE, open-label extension.

Analysis is based on ANCOVA model in conjunction with multiple imputation for missing data. The model includes covariates for the corresponding baseline value, baseline plasma NFL, and use of riluzole or edaravone.

# HHD megascore covariate forest plot

Combined VALOR + OLE; Week 52



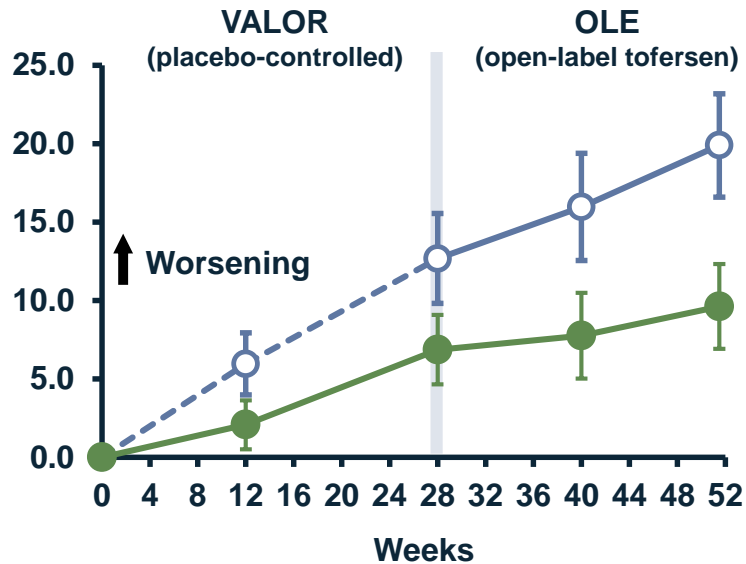
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# Effect on patient-reported outcome measures

Combined VALOR + OLE; ITT population

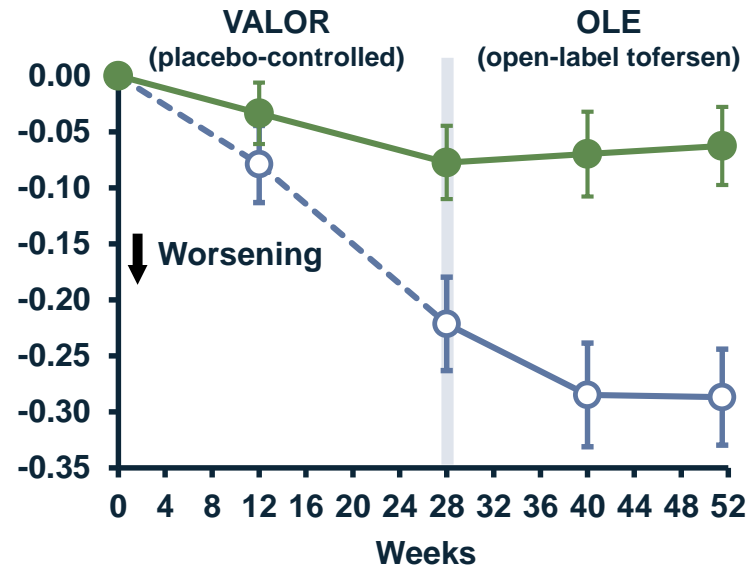
---○ Placebo + delayed-start tofersen  
—● Early-start tofersen

## Change in ALSAQ-5



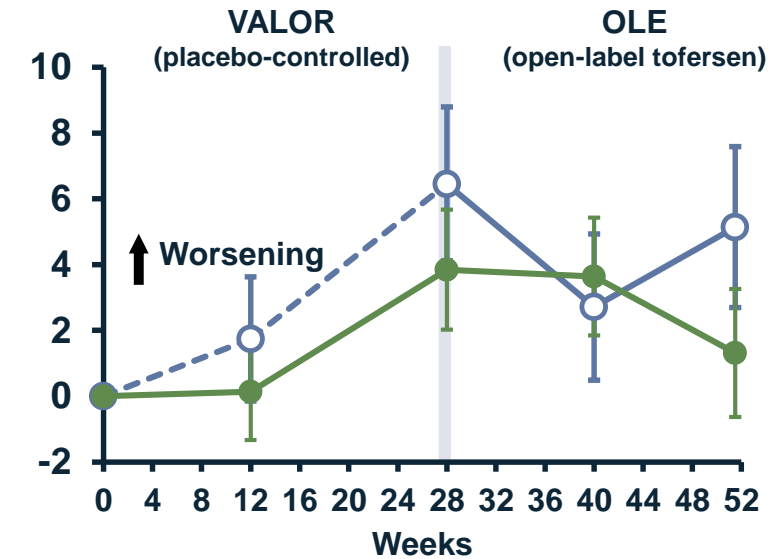
Difference:  $-10.3$  (95% CI:  $-17.3, -3.2$ )  
 $p=0.0044$

## Change in EQ-5D-5L Utility Score



Difference:  $0.2$  (95% CI:  $0.13, 0.32$ )  
 $p<0.0001$

## Change in Fatigue Severity Scale

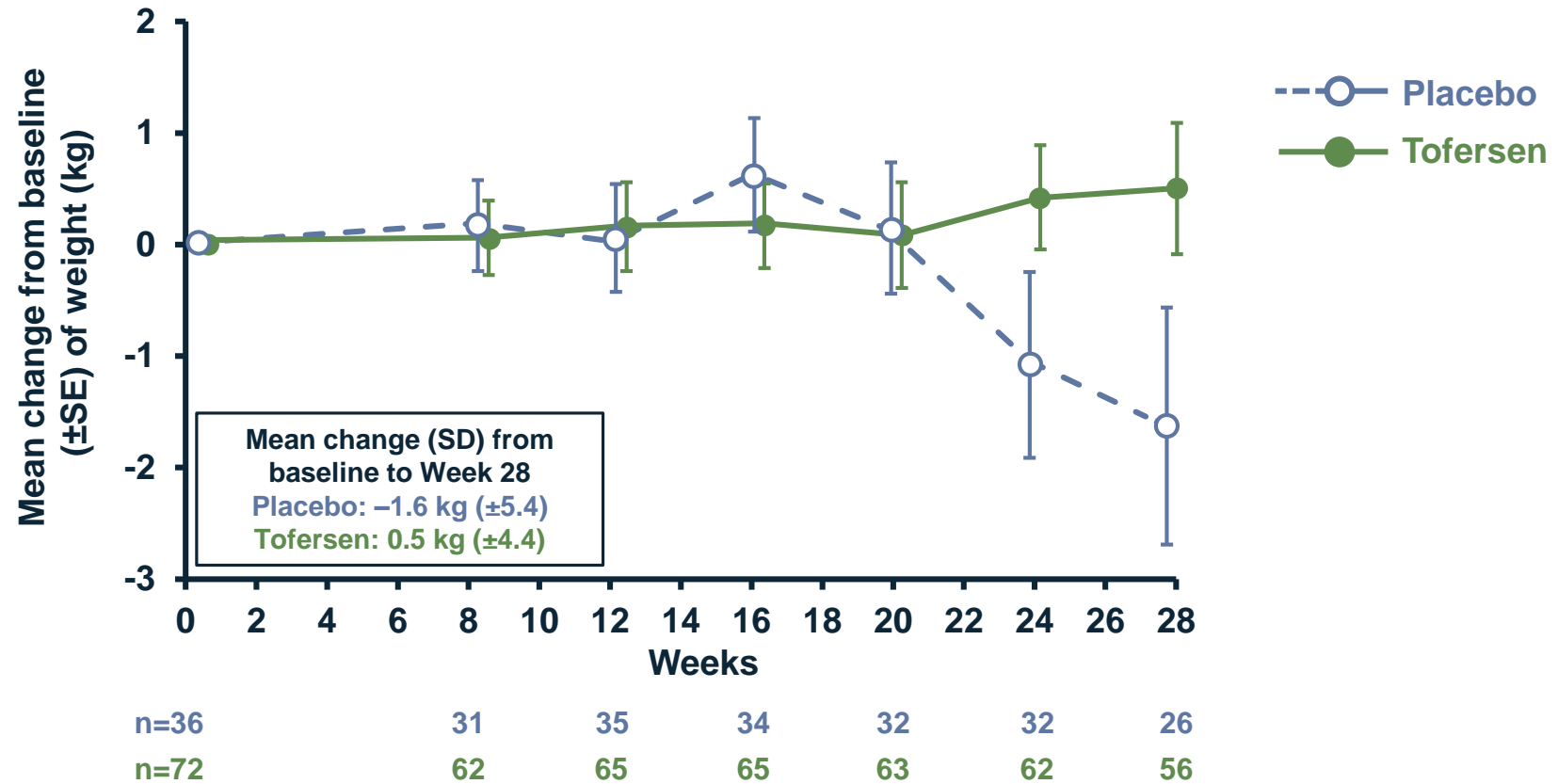


Difference:  $-3.8$  (95% CI:  $-9.0, 1.38$ )  
 $p=0.1493$

ALSAQ-5, 5 Item ALS Assessment Questionnaire; EQ-5D, EuroQOL-5 Dimension 5-Level Questionnaire; FSS, Fatigue Severity Scale; OLE, open-label extension; PRO, patient-reported outcome; analysis is based on ANCOVA model in conjunction with multiple imputation for missing data. The model includes covariates for the corresponding baseline value, baseline plasma NFL, and use of riluzole or edaravone.  
\*Using UK valuation weights.

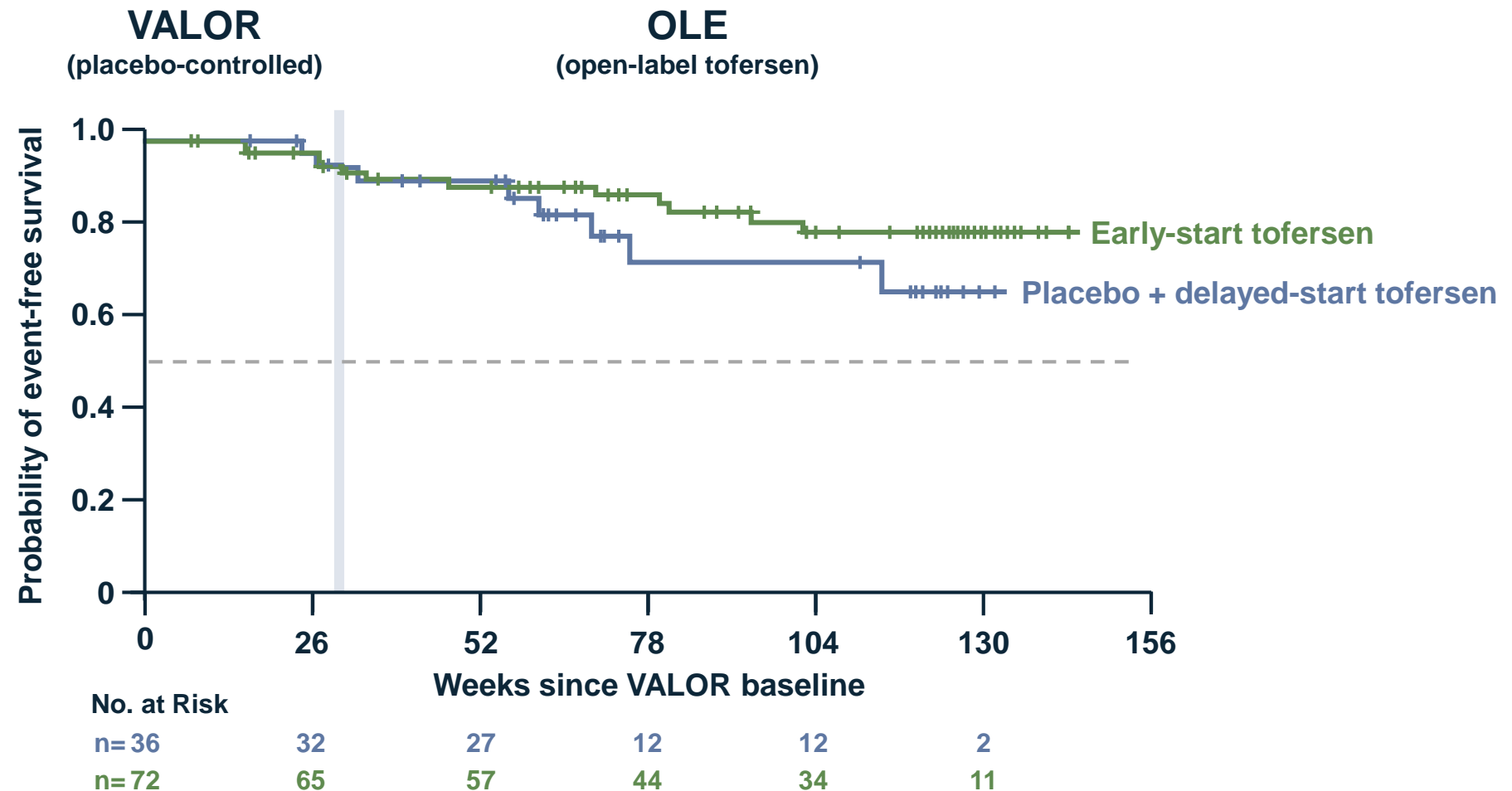
# Effect on body weight

VALOR; ITT population



# Time-to-event analysis for death or permanent ventilation

Combined VALOR + OLE; ITT population



OLE, open-label extension; PV, permanent ventilation.

Time to death or permanent ventilation is defined as the time from first dose to death or PV ( $\geq 22$  hours of mechanical ventilation per day for  $\geq 21$  consecutive days), whichever comes first. Participants who do not meet the endpoint definition are censored at a participant's last known alive date. Events are based on adjudicated events by an independent committee. Plots are Kaplan-Meier curves. Hazard ratios and confidence intervals are based on a Cox regression model adjusted for baseline plasma NfL, and riluzole or edaravone use.

# Time-to-event analyses

Combined VALOR + OLE; ITT population

Events	Early-start tofersen N=72	Placebo + delayed-start tofersen N=36	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	Log-rank p value	Cox regression p value
Death or permanent ventilation	12 (16.7%)	8 (22.2%)	<b>0.36</b> (0.137, 0.941)	0.0687	0.0373
Death	8 (11.1%)	6 (16.7%)	<b>0.27</b> (0.084, 0.890)	0.0879	0.0313
Death with additional post- withdrawal vital status data	12 (16.7%)	11 (30.6%)	<b>0.24</b> (0.096, 0.602)	0.0096	0.0023
Death, PV, or withdrawal due to disease progression	18 (25.0%)	13 (36.1%)	<b>0.38</b> (0.180, 0.821)	0.0217	0.0135

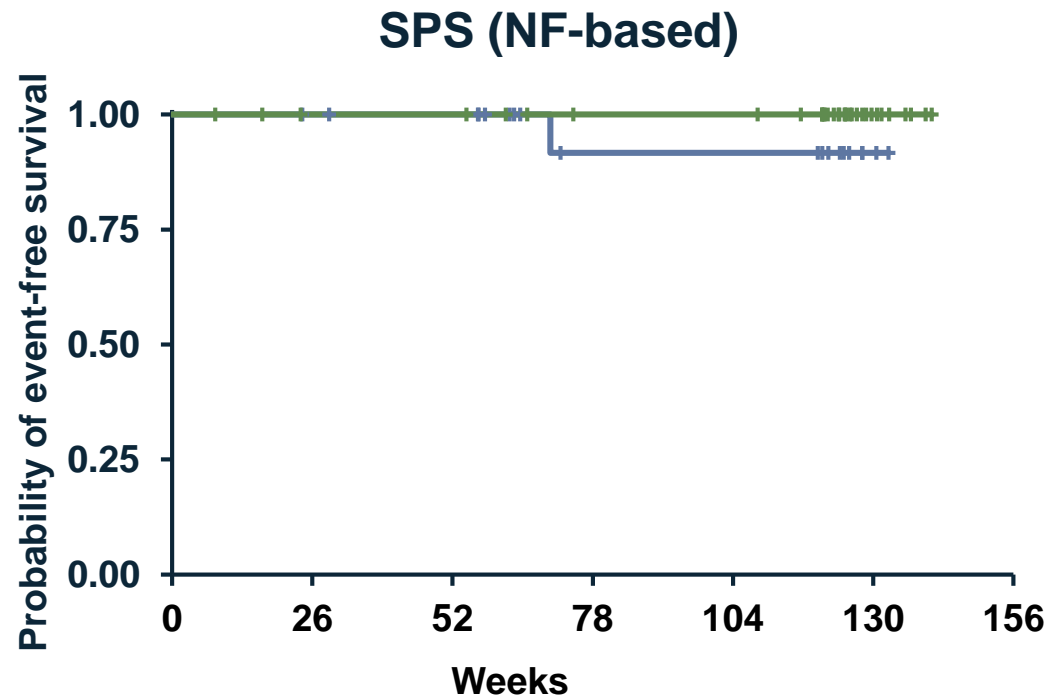
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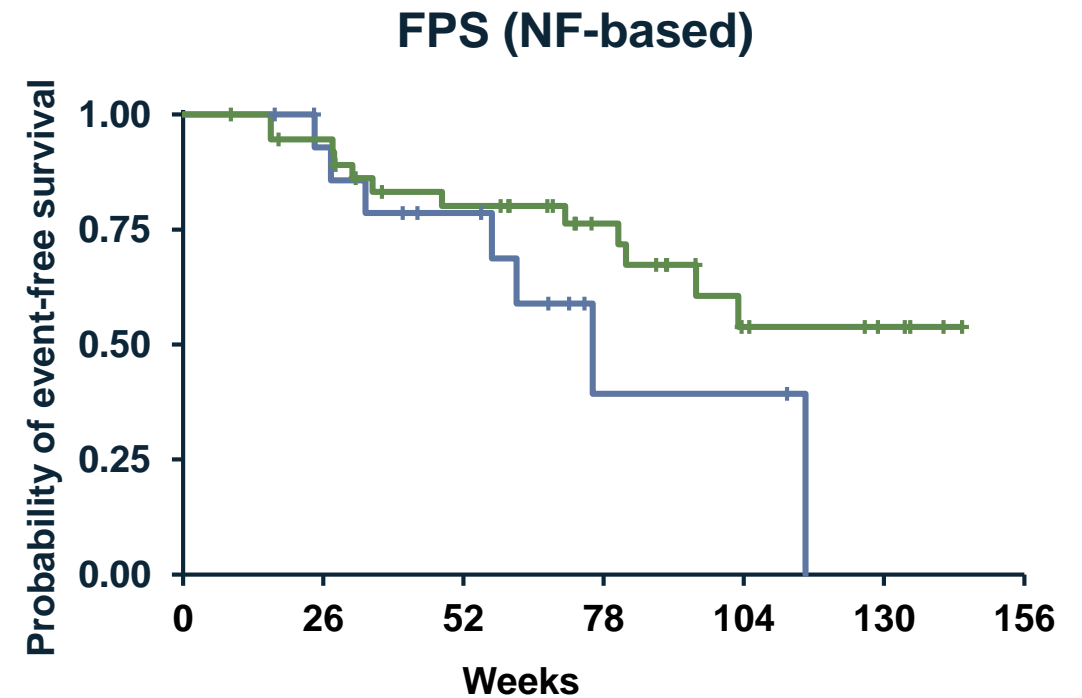


# Time-to-event analysis for death or permanent ventilation

Combined VALOR + OLE; FPS and SPS (NF-based)



Placebo, n = 20	19	18	10	10	2	0
Tofersen, n = 34	31	31	27	27	7	0



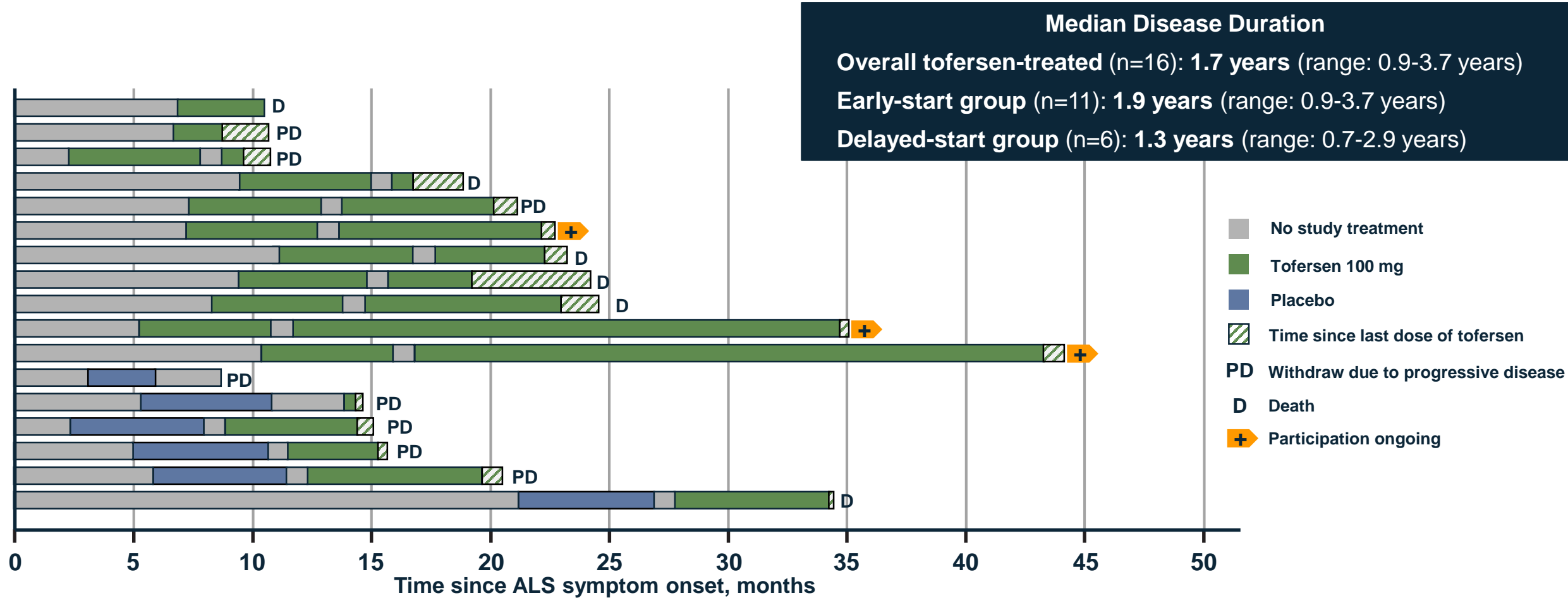
Placebo, n = 16	13	9	2	2	0	0
Tofersen, n = 38	34	26	17	7	4	0

Time to event is defined as the time from first dose to death or permanent ventilation ( $\geq 22$  hours of mechanical ventilation [invasive or noninvasive] per day for  $\geq 21$  consecutive days), whichever comes first. Subjects who do not meet the endpoint definition are censored at the subject's last known alive date. Only events that were adjudicated by the Endpoint Adjudication Committee are included.

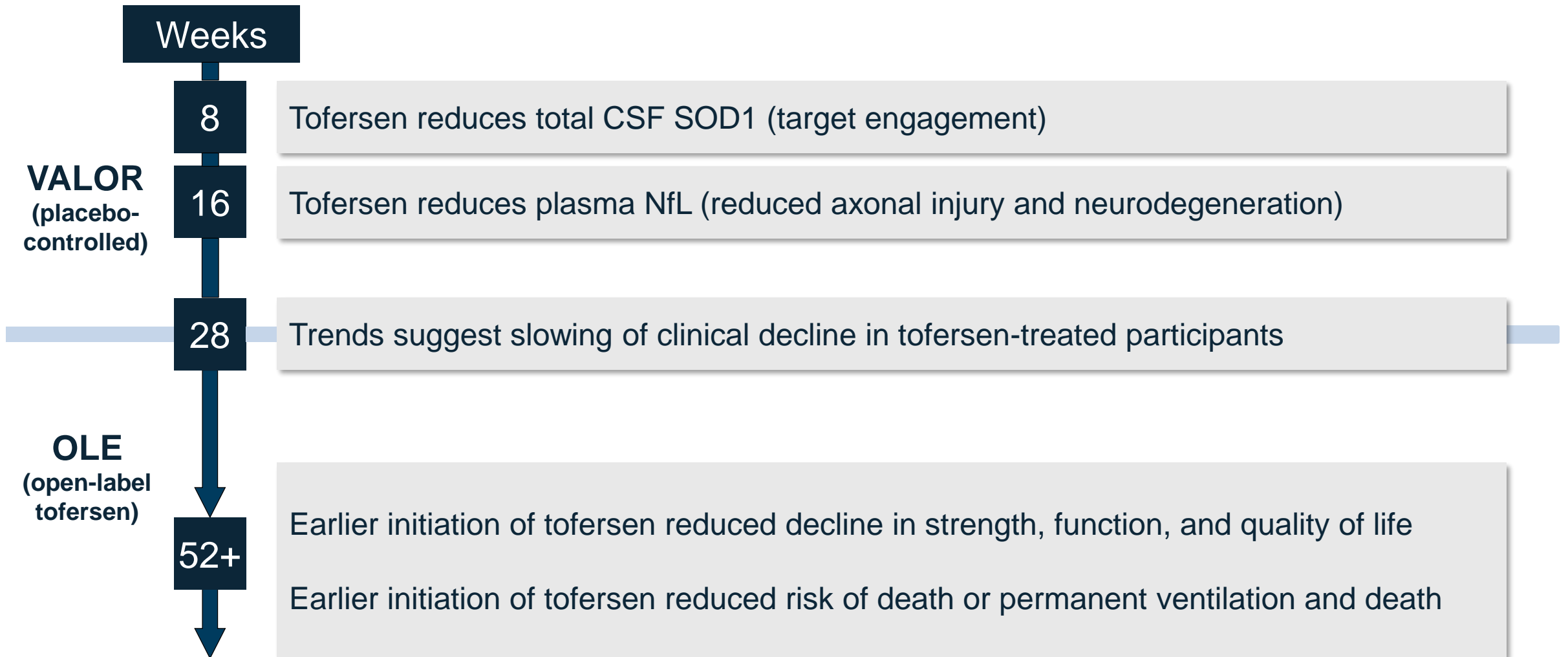
FPS, faster progression subgroup; ITT, intent-to-treat; KM, Kaplan-Meier; OLE, open-label extension; SPS, slower progression subgroup.

# Disease duration in A5V carriers

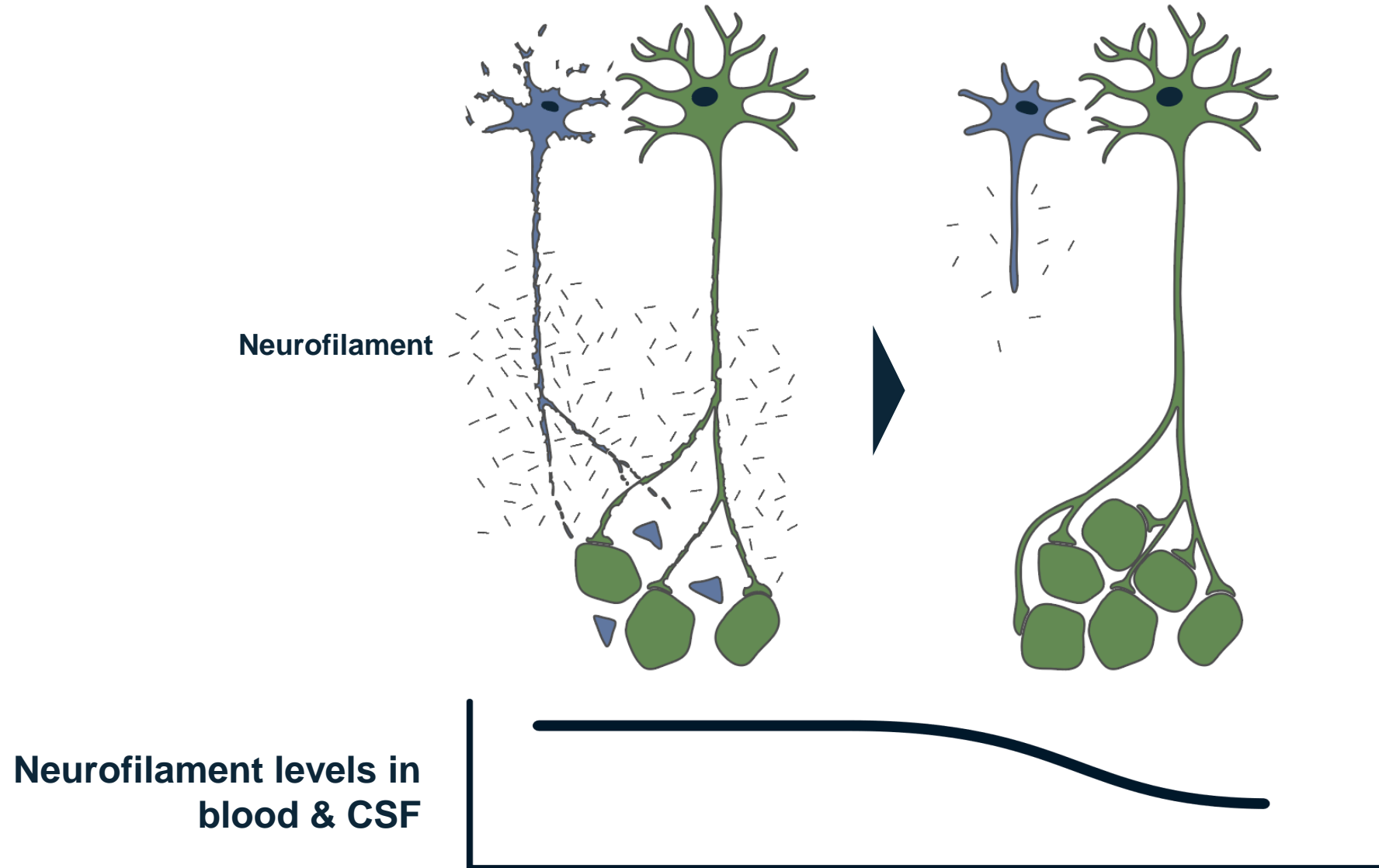
Combined VALOR + OLE; ITT population (data cutoff: 16 Jan 2022)



# Tofersen demonstrates evidence of biologic effect that precedes evidence of clinical benefit



# Sequence of events is associated with strong biological plausibility



# Utility of neurofilament in ALS trials

Clinical trial utility

**Identify presymptomatic at-risk carriers for prevention trials (e.g., ATLAS)**

**Control for disease heterogeneity in study populations (e.g., ensure treatment groups are balanced)**

**Assess for lowering of neurofilament as evidence of treatment effect and/or to predict clinical outcomes**

Type of biomarker

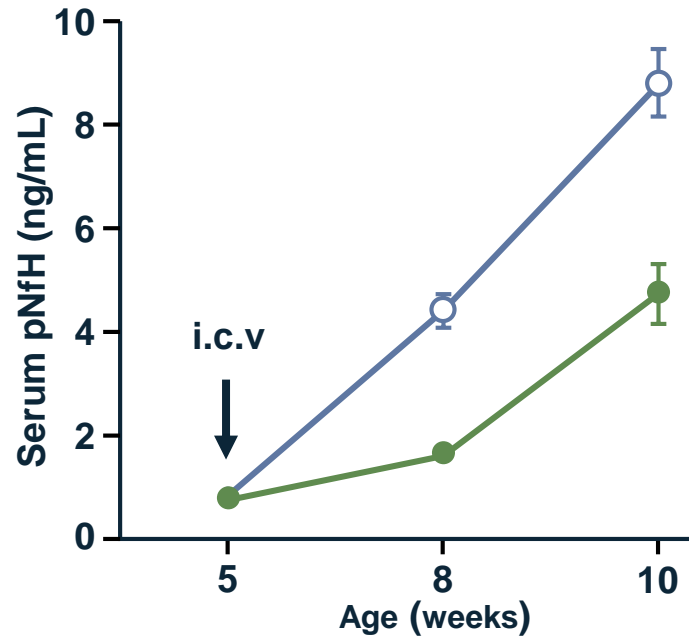
Susceptibility/risk biomarker

Prognostic biomarker of disease progression and survival

Biomarker of treatment response and/or a surrogate biomarker reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit

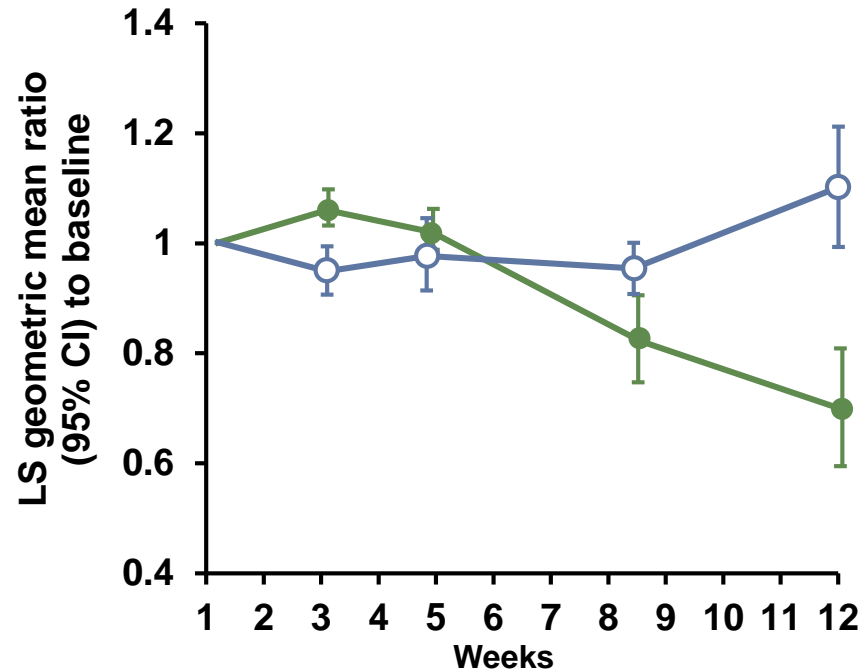
# Reductions in neurofilament were consistently observed across preclinical and clinical studies

## SOD1-G93A transgenic mice



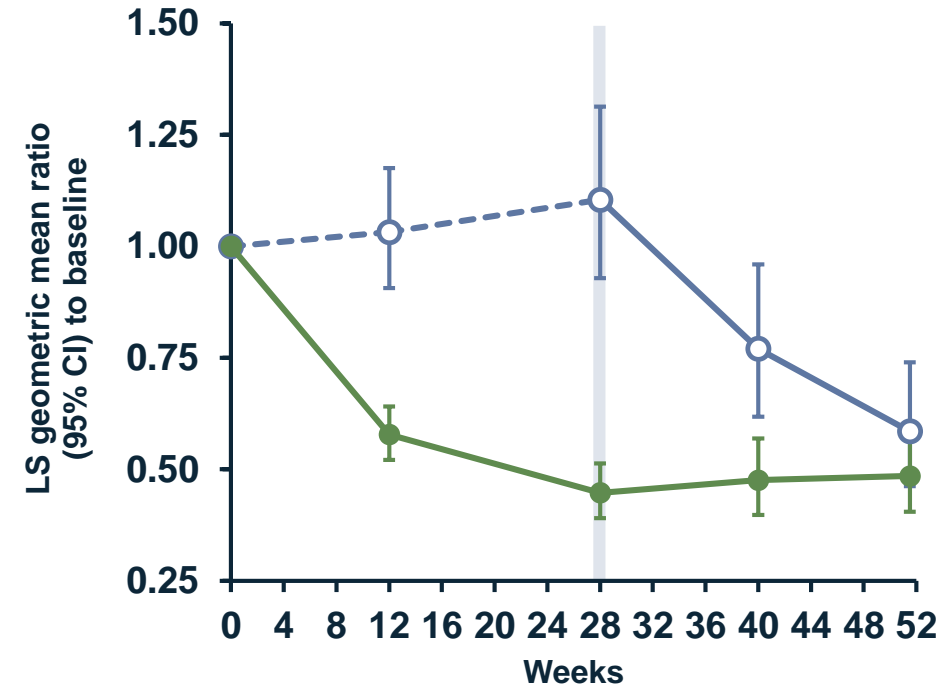
—○— Inactive ASO  
—●— Tofersen

## Phase 1/2 Study



—○— Placebo  
—●— Tofersen 100 mg

## VALOR + OLE

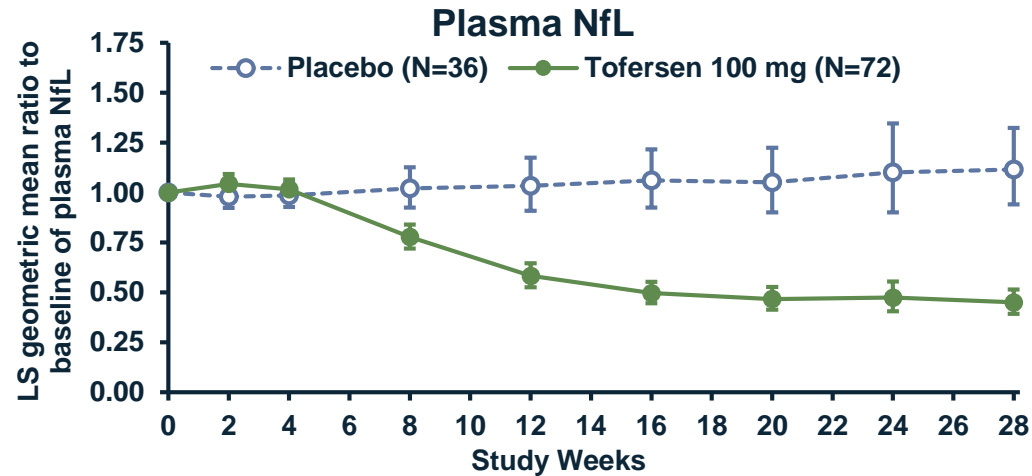


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—●— Early-start tofersen

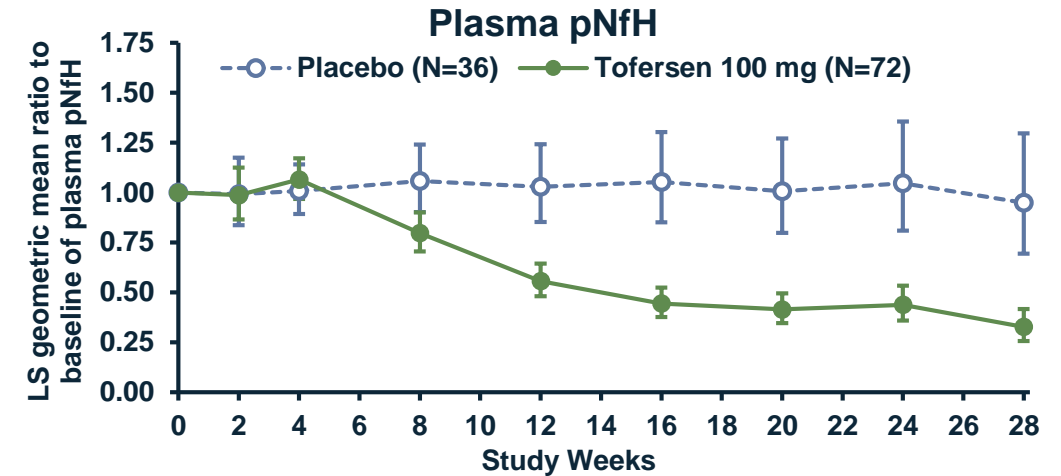
i.c.v., intracerebroventricular injection; NfL, neurofilament light chain; OLE, open-label extension.

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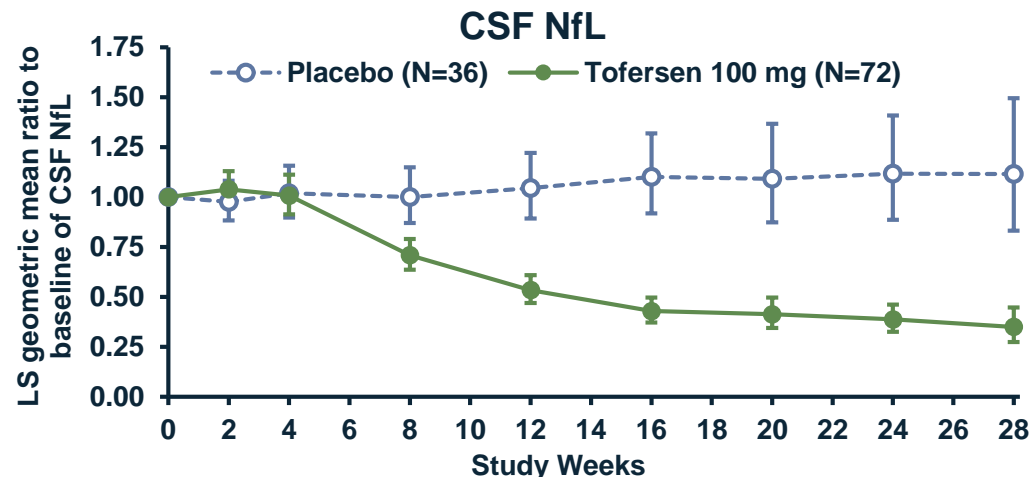
# Consistent trends observed for NfL and pNfH in plasma and CSF



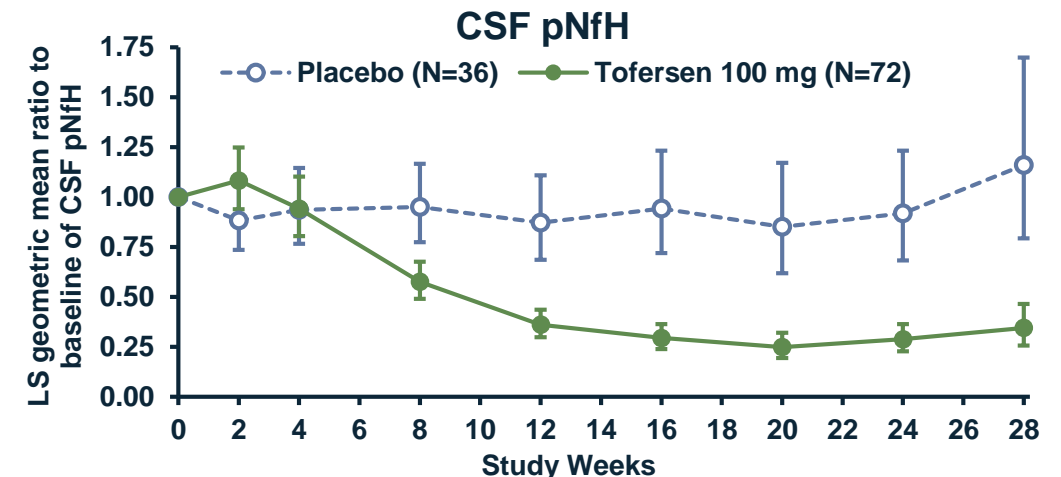
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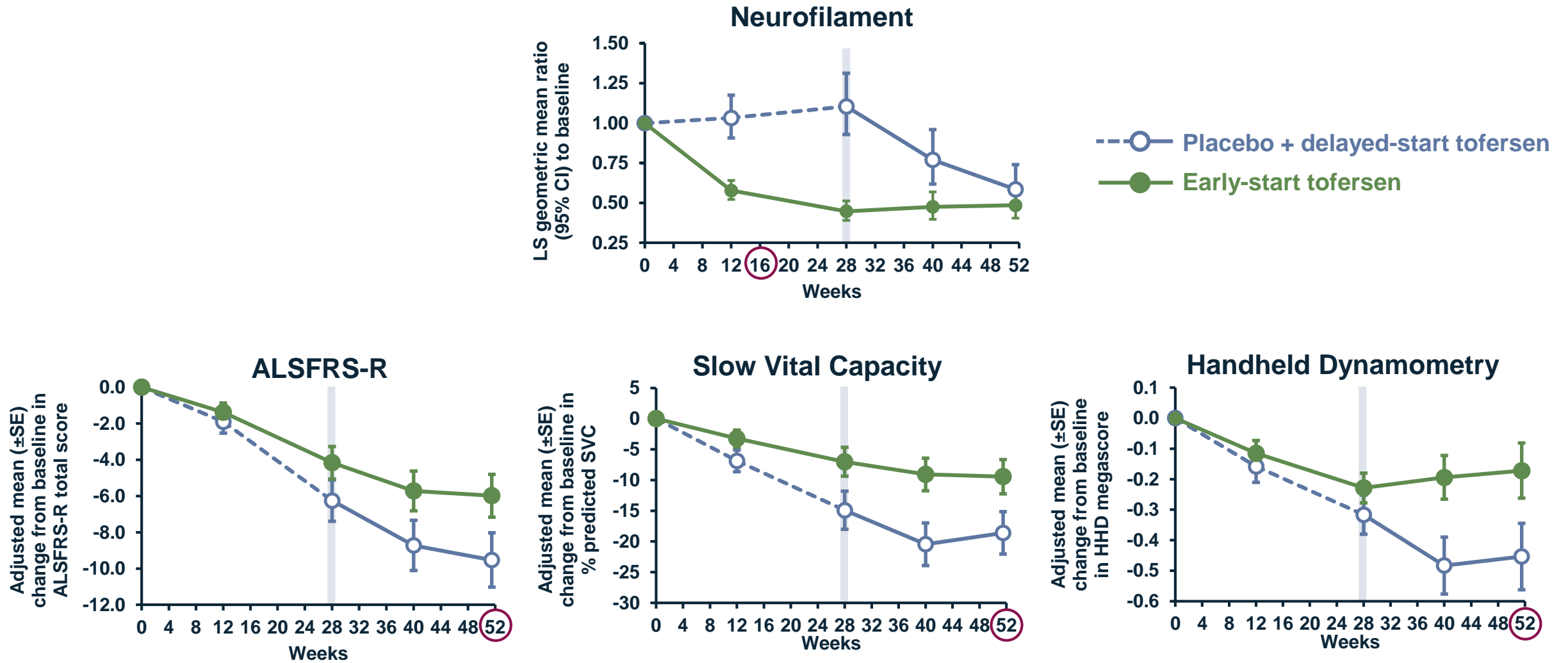


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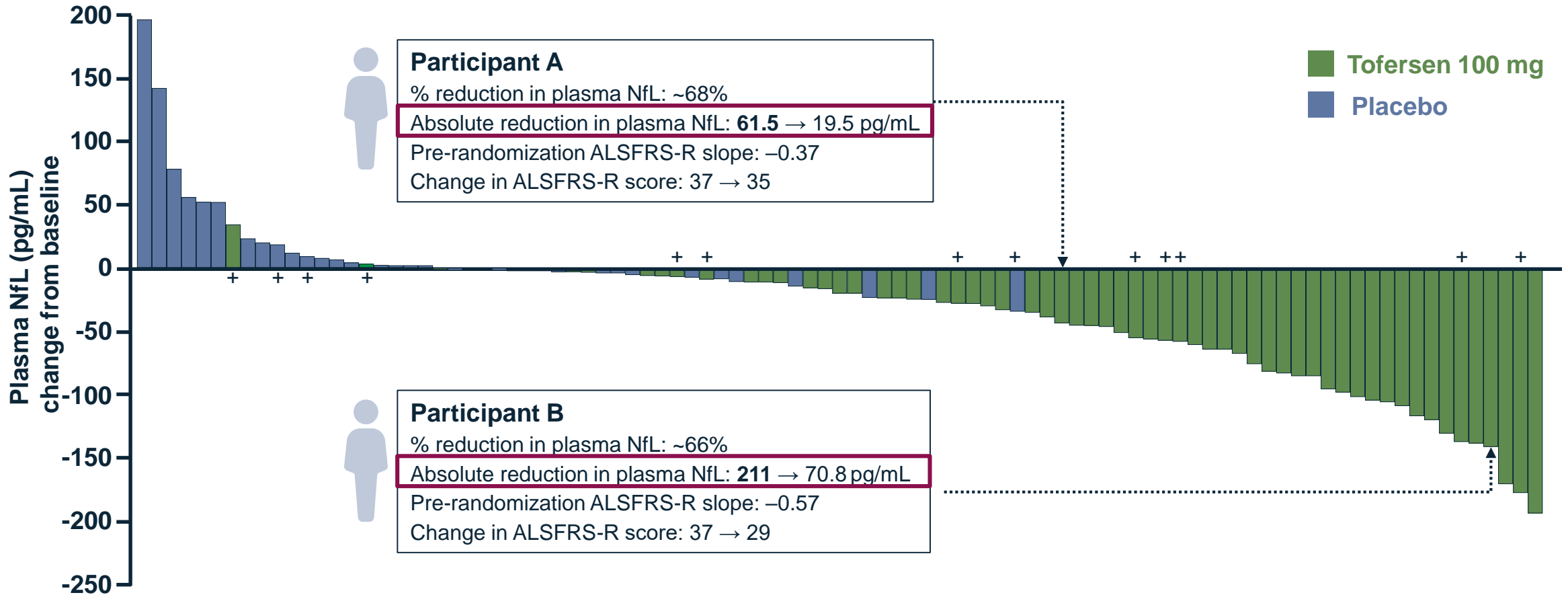
# Reductions in NfL precede discernable clinical benefit





# Individual changes in neurofilament over time in VALOR

Observed change change from baseline at Day 197 in plasma NfL  
VALOR; ITT population (study completers)

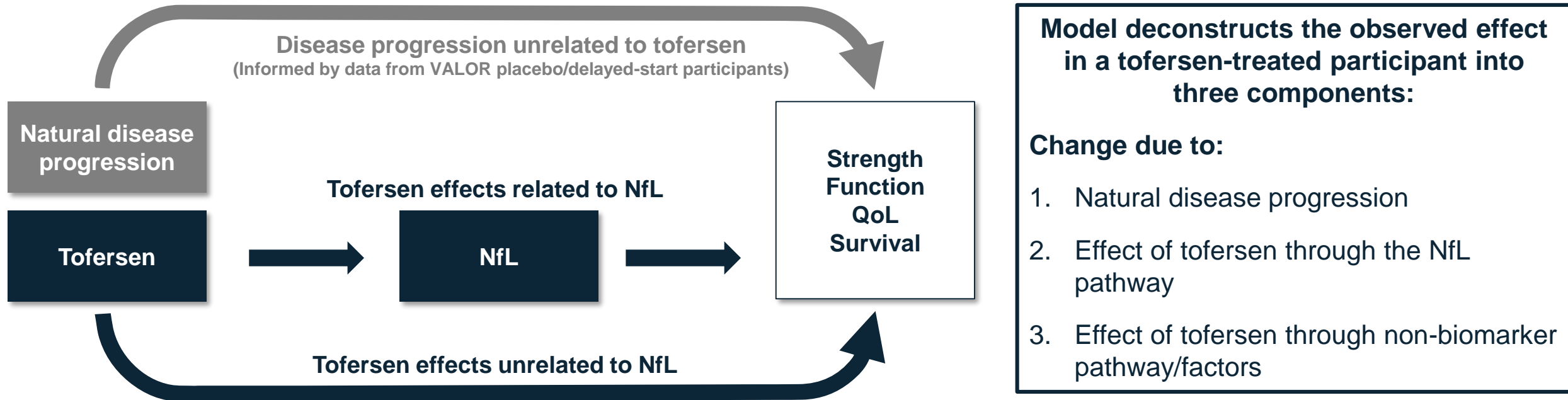


Observed data are presented for only study completers with a valid NfL result at Day 169 or Day 197.

For completers with Day 197 data available, change from baseline at Day 197 is presented. For completers with missing Day 197 data, change from baseline at Day 169 is presented with +.

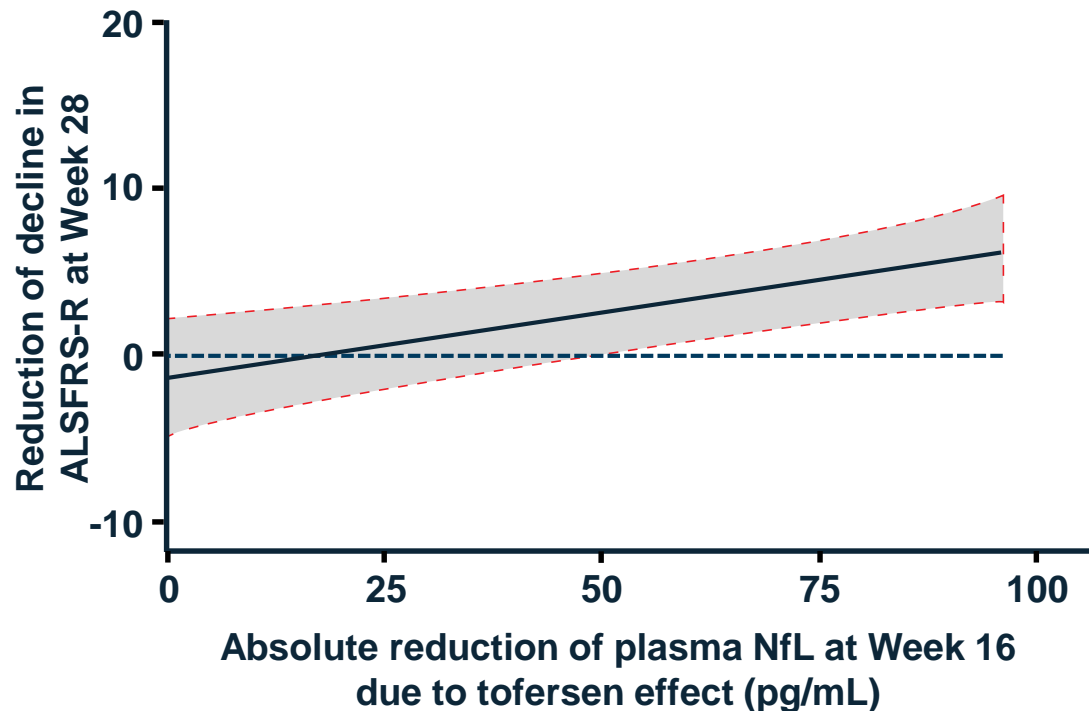
Values below limit of quantitation (BLQ) are set to half of lower limit of quantitation (LLOQ. 4.9 pg/mL) in calculations.

# Model built to evaluate NfL as a potential surrogate biomarker reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit



# Model built to evaluate NF as a potential surrogate biomarker reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit

Tofersen-driven reductions in plasma NfL at Week 16 correlate with slowing of clinical decline in function, strength, QoL at Week 28



**Predicted benefit on clinical outcomes (at Week 28) for each 10 pg/mL reduction of plasma NfL (at Week 16)\***

**ALSFRS-R total score** 0.77 (p=0.0038)

**Percent-predicted SVC** 1.45 (p=0.0706)

**HHD overall megascore** 0.029 (p=0.1303)

**ALSAQ-5 total score** 2.194 (p=0.0056)

**EQ-5D-5L utility score** 0.017 (p=0.0894)

\*Example for a participant with a baseline plasma NfL level equivalent to the sample mean for ITT completers (96.78 pg/mL)

# Model built to evaluate NF as a potential surrogate biomarker reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit

Tofersen-driven reductions in plasma NfL at Week 16 correlate with a reduced risk of death-equivalent events over time

Survival endpoints	Tofersen effect through NfL lowering	Percent reduction in event risk for a 10 pg/mL reduction in NfL
Time to death	0.0175 (p=0.3690)	16.1%
Time to death or permanent ventilation	0.0224 (p=0.1119)	20.1%
Time to death, permanent ventilation, or withdrawal due to disease progression	0.0287 (p=0.0010)	24.9%
Time to death with additional vital status	0.0284 (p=0.0318)	24.7%

Table shows example for a participant with a baseline plasma NfL level equivalent to the sample mean for ITT completers (96.78 pg/mL).

# Tofersen-driven reductions in plasma NfL are reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit in *SOD1*-ALS

## Biological plausibility

In *SOD1*-ALS, toxic SOD1 protein leads to degeneration and death of motor neurons

Neurofilaments are released upon damage to the axons of motor neurons

Higher levels of neurofilament are associated with more rapid disease progression and shortened survival in ALS

## Empirical evidence

By reducing production and accumulation of SOD1 protein, tofersen led to substantial reductions in plasma NfL, indicating a reduction in damage to motor neurons

These reductions correlated with evidence of clinical benefit over time (preserved function, strength, QoL, and reduced risk of death-equivalent events)

# Long-term evidence generation plans

## Proposed Confirmatory Study

### Study 233AS303 (ATLAS)

Effects of tofersen when initiated in presymptomatic *SOD1* mutation carriers with elevated NfL

End of study: 2027\*

## Supportive Data

### Study 233AS102 (OLE)

Long-term effects of tofersen in adults with *SOD1*-ALS

End of study: 2024

### Real-World Evidence (RWE)

Effects of tofersen in the real-world setting via EAP + ALS disease registries

**Descriptive analyses of disease duration by *SOD1* mutation type**  
Tofersen-treated (VALOR/OLE + registry) vs. untreated (literature, registries)

**Cross-study comparison of the impact of timing of tofersen initiation on disease progression [ATLAS vs. VALOR vs. OLE]**



## Safety

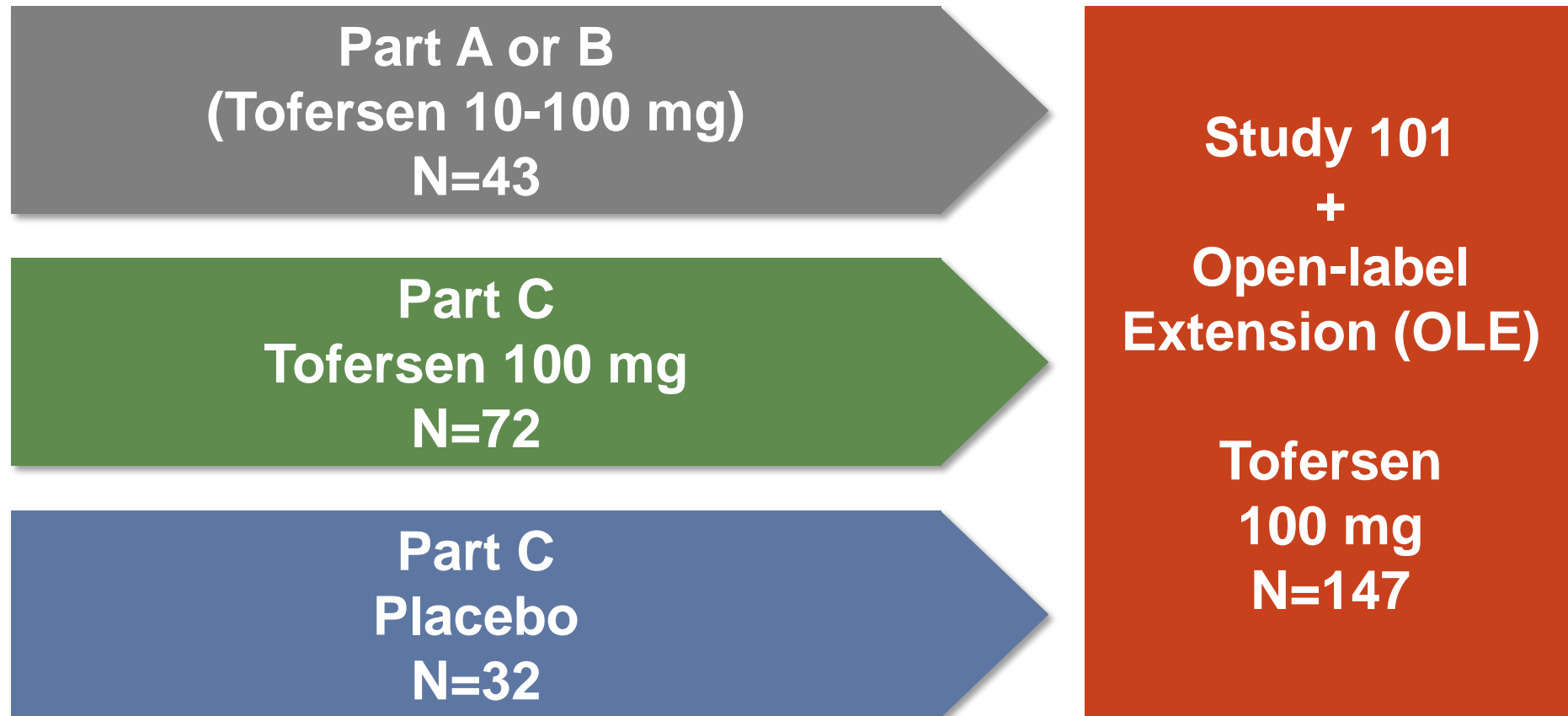
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# Pooling strategy to support integrated safety analysis

## Study 101





## Extent of tofersen exposure

	VALOR	Study 101 and OLE Integrated
	Tofersen 100 mg N=72	Tofersen 100 mg N=147
<b>Total duration of exposure, weeks</b>		
Median	28.1	119.4
Min, max	8, 34	4, 212

**Median of >2 years of exposure to tofersen 100 mg as of 15 July 2022**

# Overview of safety

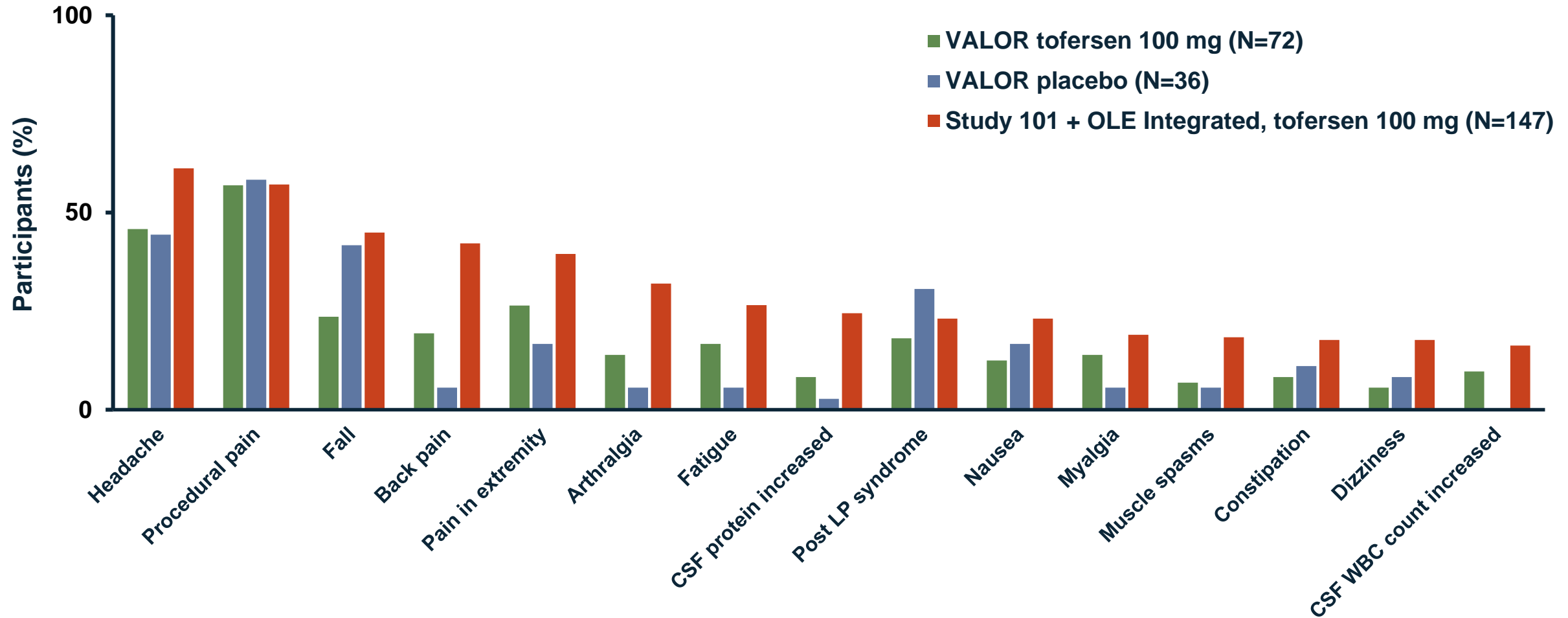
	Participants, n (%)		
	VALOR		Study 101 and OLE Integrated <sup>a</sup>
	Tofersen 100 mg N=72	Placebo N=36	Tofersen 100 mg N=147
≥1 AE	69 (95.8)	34 (94.4)	145 (98.6)
AEs related to lumbar puncture <sup>b</sup>	58 (80.6)	29 (80.6)	125 (85.0)
Grade ≥3 AEs	12 (16.7)	4 (11.1)	58 (39.4)
Serious AEs	13 (18.1)	5 (13.9)	59 (40.1)
AEs leading to drug discontinuation	4 (5.6)	0	26 (17.7)
AEs with fatal outcome	1 (1.4)	0	19 (12.9)

<sup>a</sup> An event in a placebo participant during Study 101 is only counted once; an event in a tofersen participant during Study 101 is counted in both the “VALOR/tofersen 100 mg” column, and again in the “Study 101 and OLE Integrated” column.

<sup>b</sup> Relatedness assessed by the investigator.

AE, adverse event; OLE, open-label extension.

# Most common adverse events



# CSF laboratory abnormalities

	Participants, n (%)		
	VALOR		Study 101 and OLE Integrated
	Tofersen 100 mg N=72	Placebo N=36	Tofersen 100 mg N=147
≥1 CSF WBC value >10×10 <sup>6</sup> /L	42/72 (58.3)	2/36 (5.6)	117/147 (79.6)
≥1 CSF WBC value >5×10 <sup>6</sup> /L	55/72 (76.4)	6/36 (16.7)	134/147 (91.2)
Proportion with shift to high CSF protein <sup>a</sup>	31/46 (67.4)	6/20 (30.0)	105/117 (89.7)

**CSF lab abnormalities were common with tofersen and most were not considered adverse by investigators**

<sup>a</sup> Shift to high includes normal to high, low to high, and unknown to high.  
CSF, cerebrospinal fluid; OLE, open-label extension; WBC, white blood cell.

## Most common lumbar puncture-related events (>5%)

	Participants, n (%)		
	VALOR		Study 101 and OLE Integrated
	Tofersen 100 mg N=72	Placebo N=36	Tofersen 100 mg N=147
<b>Any AE related to lumbar puncture<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>58 (80.6)</b>	<b>29 (80.6)</b>	<b>125 (85.0)</b>
Procedural pain	40 (55.6)	21 (58.3)	83 (56.5)
Headache	22 (30.6)	12 (33.3)	64 (43.5)
Post lumbar puncture syndrome	13 (18.1)	11 (30.6)	34 (23.1)
Back pain	9 (12.5)	0	44 (29.9)
Pain in extremity	6 (8.3)	0	13 (8.8)
Nausea	4 (5.6)	3 (8.3)	13 (8.8)
CSF protein increased	3 (4.2)	0	11 (7.5)
Dizziness	2 (2.8)	1 (2.8)	11 (7.5)
CSF white blood cell count increased	4 (5.6)	0	9 (6.1)

<sup>a</sup> Relatedness assessed by investigator.

Note: AEs presented by PTs according to MedDRA version 25.0.

AE, adverse event; CSF, cerebrospinal fluid; OLE, open-label extension.

## Serious adverse events ( $\geq 2\%$ )

	Participants, n (%)		
	VALOR		Study 101 and OLE Integrated
	Tofersen 100 mg N=72	Placebo N=36	Tofersen 100 mg N=147
<b>Any serious AE</b>	<b>13 (18.1)</b>	<b>5 (13.9)</b>	<b>59 (40.1)</b>
Respiratory failure	1 (1.4)	0	16 (10.9)
Pneumonia aspiration	1 (1.4)	0	10 (6.8)
Dysphagia	0	0	7 (4.8)
Pulmonary embolism	3 (4.2)	1 (2.8)	6 (4.1)
Acute respiratory failure	1 (1.4)	0	5 (3.4)
Pneumonitis aspiration	2 (2.8)	0	4 (2.7)
Pneumonia	0	0	3 (2.0)
Intracranial pressure increased	0	0	3 (2.0)
Fall	0	0	3 (2.0)

Note: AEs presented by PTs according to MedDRA version 25.0.  
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# Adverse events leading to death

	Participants, n (%)		
	VALOR		Study 101 and OLE Integrated
	Tofersen 100 mg N=72	Placebo N=36	Tofersen 100 mg N=147
<b>Any AE leading to death</b>	<b>1 (1.4)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19 (12.9)</b>
Respiratory failure	0	0	11 (7.5)
Respiratory arrest	0	0	2 (1.4)
Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	0	0	2 (1.4)
Cardiac arrest	0	0	1 (0.7)
Cardiac failure congestive	1 (1.4)	0	1 (0.7)
Euthanasia	0	0	1 (0.7)
Septic shock	0	0	1 (0.7)
Sudden death	0	0	1 (0.7)

# Serious neurologic events

	Participants, n (%)		
	VALOR		Study 101 and OLE Integrated
	Tofersen 100 mg N=72	Placebo N=36	Tofersen 100 mg N=147
<b>Serious neurologic events</b>	<b>4 (5.6)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10 (6.8)</b>
Intracranial pressure increased	0	0	3 (2.0)
Papilledema	0	0	1 (0.7)
Myelitis	1 (1.4)	0	2 (1.4)
Lumbar radiculopathy	1 (1.4)	0	1 (0.7)
Myelitis transverse	1 (1.4)	0	1 (0.7)
Neurosarcoidosis <sup>a</sup>	0	0	1 (0.7)
Radiculopathy	0	0	1 (0.7)
Meningitis aseptic	0	0	1 (0.7)
Meningitis chemical	1 (1.4)	0	1 (0.7)

<sup>a</sup> Verbatim term: Neurosarcoid transverse myelitis.

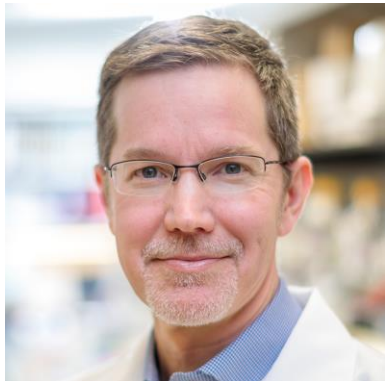
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OLE, open-label extension.



## Summary of safety

- Tofersen was generally well tolerated with an acceptable safety profile
- Longer duration of exposure (up to >3 years) was not associated with new safety concerns
- Adverse events, including lumbar puncture events, were generally mild to moderate in severity and not treatment limiting
- Serious neurologic events (myelitis/radiculitis, papilledema, aseptic meningitis) were manageable with standard of care



## Clinical Perspective

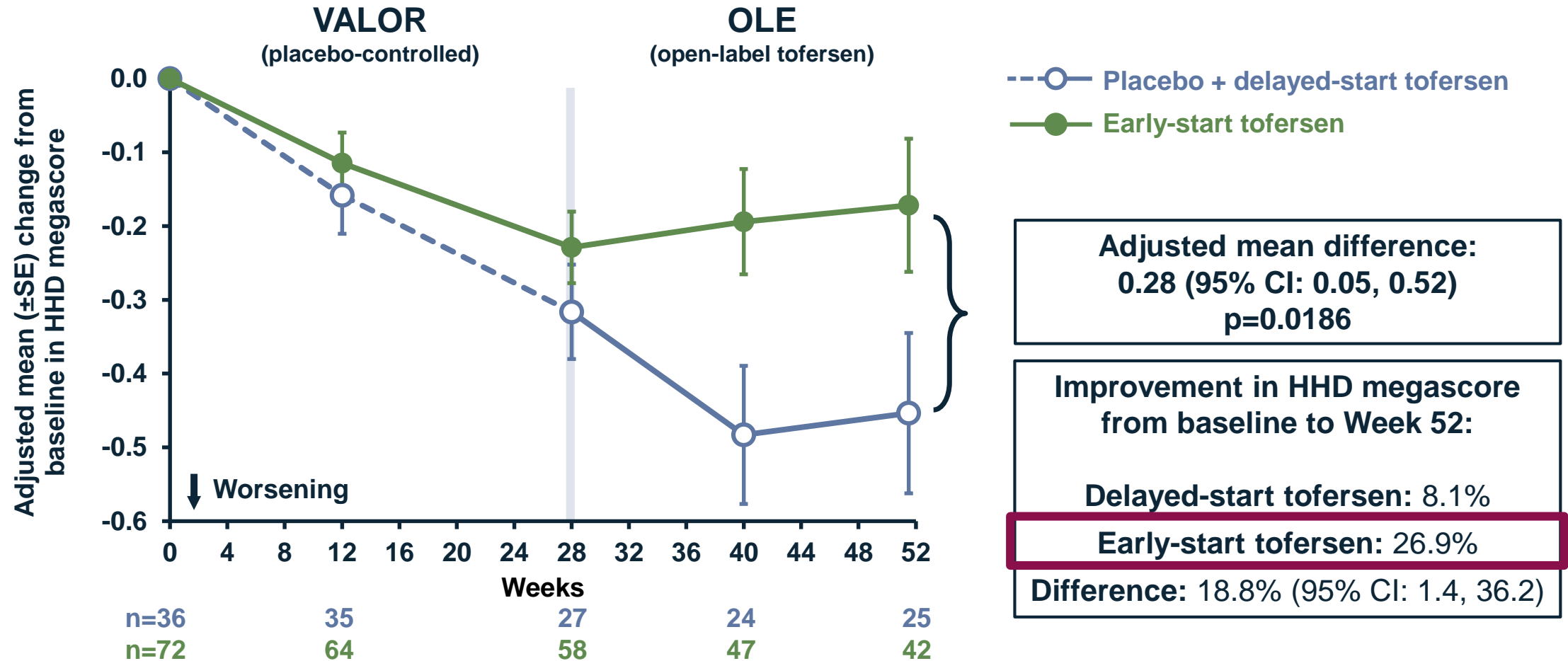
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# Early-start tofersen slowed loss of muscle strength

Combined VALOR + OLE; ITT population

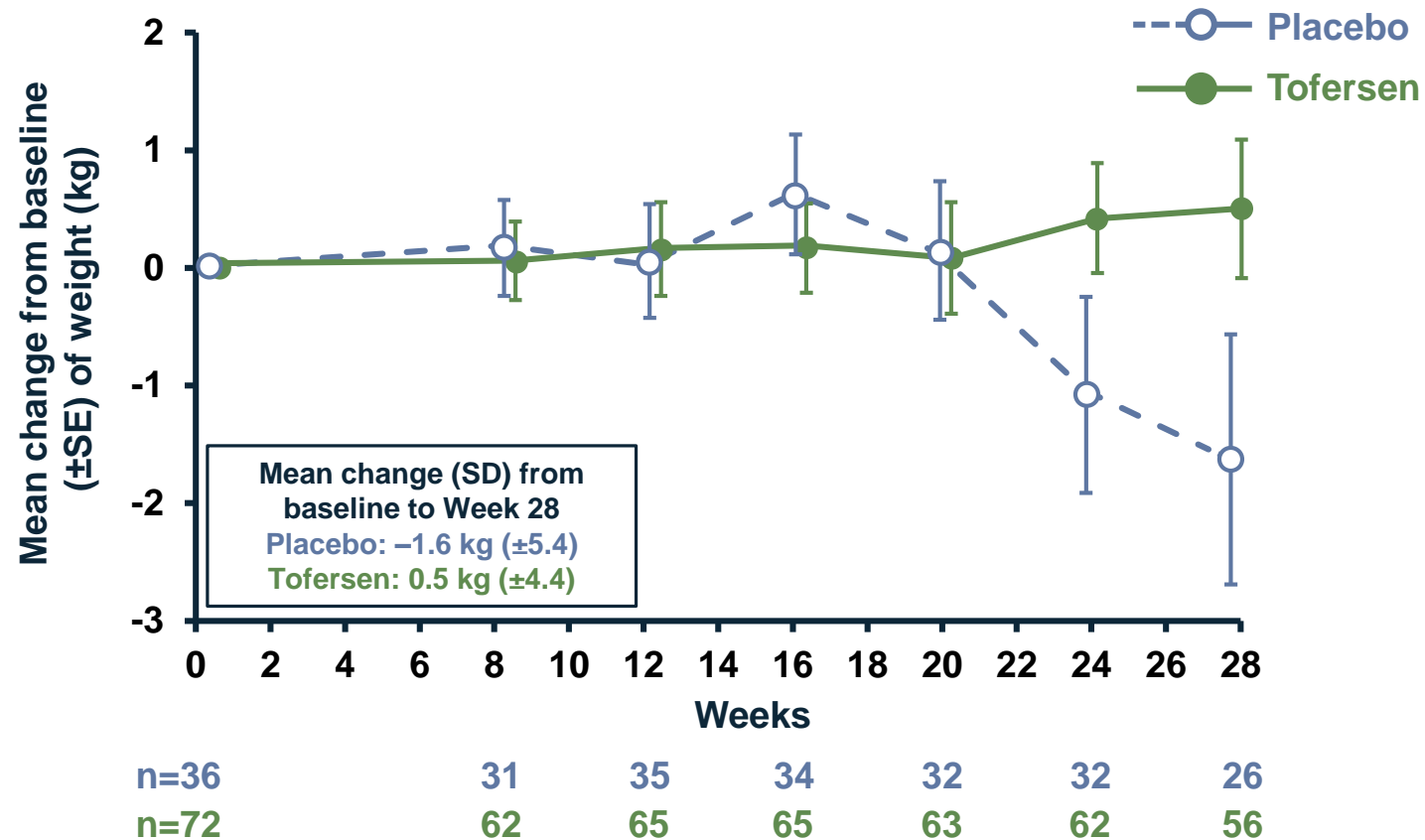


## Improvements in people living with ALS are very rare

- In 2 decades of treating people living with ALS, I have not seen improvements
- In over 900 participants in the dexpramipexole study, ~4.4% of participants showed “improvement” in strength over 1 year
- With tofersen, 27% of the early-start participants showed improvement over the same time frame
- While clearly not everyone had a dramatic improvement, the fact that one quarter improved is remarkable

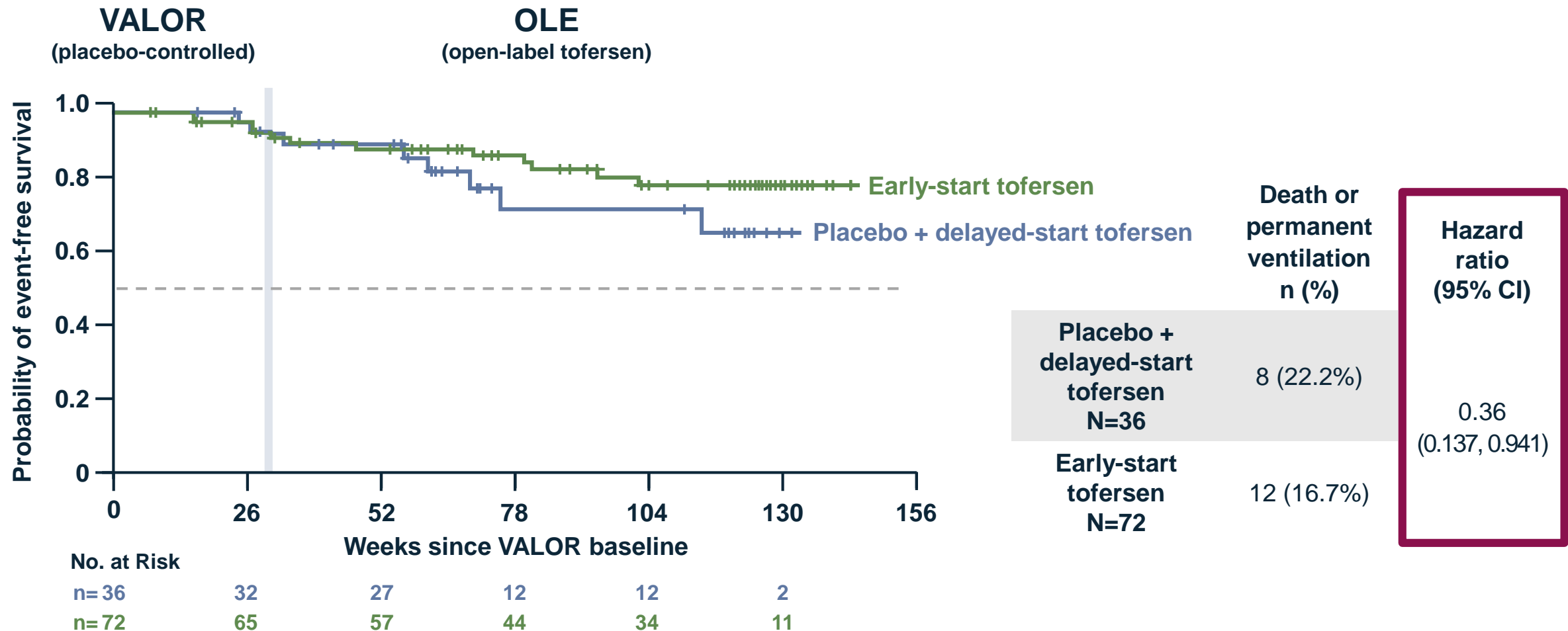
# Tofersen participants experienced stabilization of weight in a disease associated with progressive weight loss

VALOR; ITT population



# Early-start tofersen was associated with reduced risk of death or permanent ventilation

Combined VALOR + OLE; ITT population

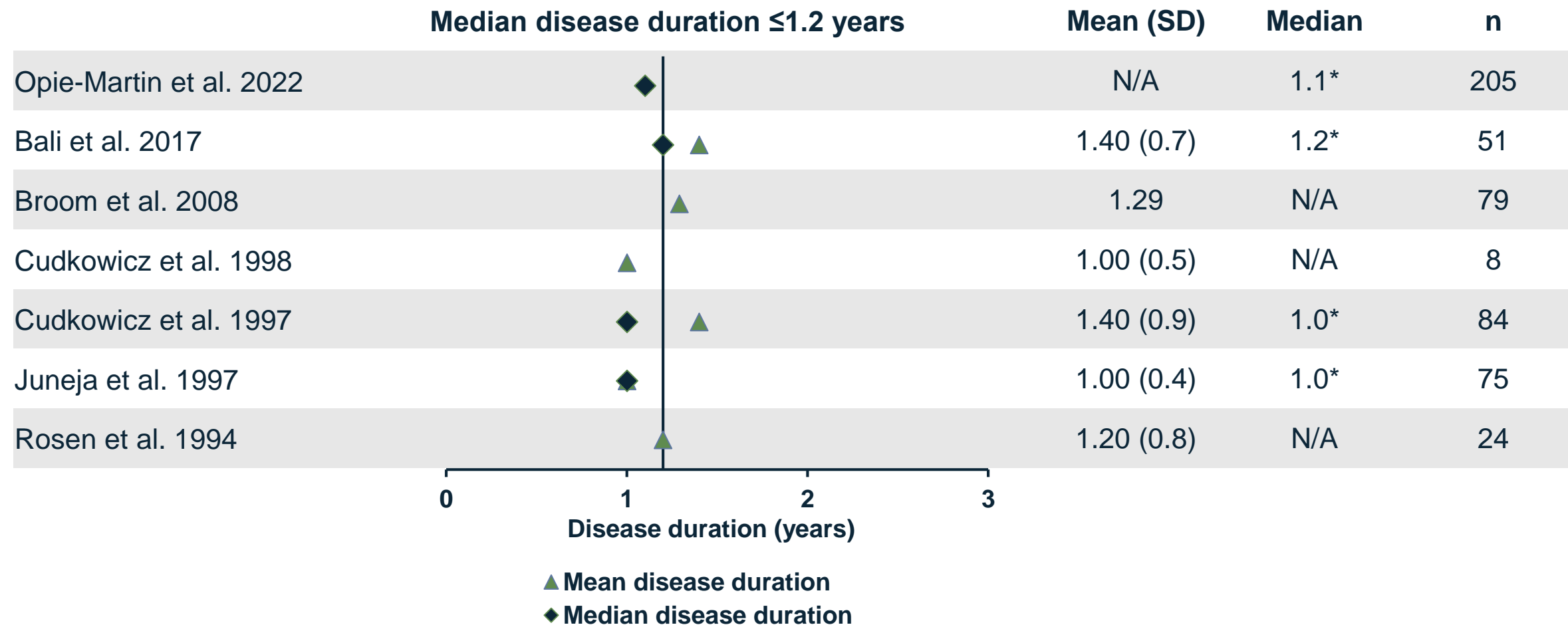


ITT, intent-to-treat; OLE, open-label extension; PV, permanent ventilation.

Time to death or permanent ventilation is defined as the time from first dose to death or PV ( $\geq 22$  hours of mechanical ventilation per day for  $\geq 21$  consecutive days), whichever comes first. Participants who do not meet the endpoint definition are censored at a participant's last known alive date. Events are based on adjudicated events by an independent committee. Plots are Kaplan-Meier curves. Hazard ratios and confidence intervals are based on a Cox regression model adjusted for baseline plasma NFL, and riluzole or edaravone use.

# Median disease duration in A5V mutation carriers is consistently at or below 1.2 years

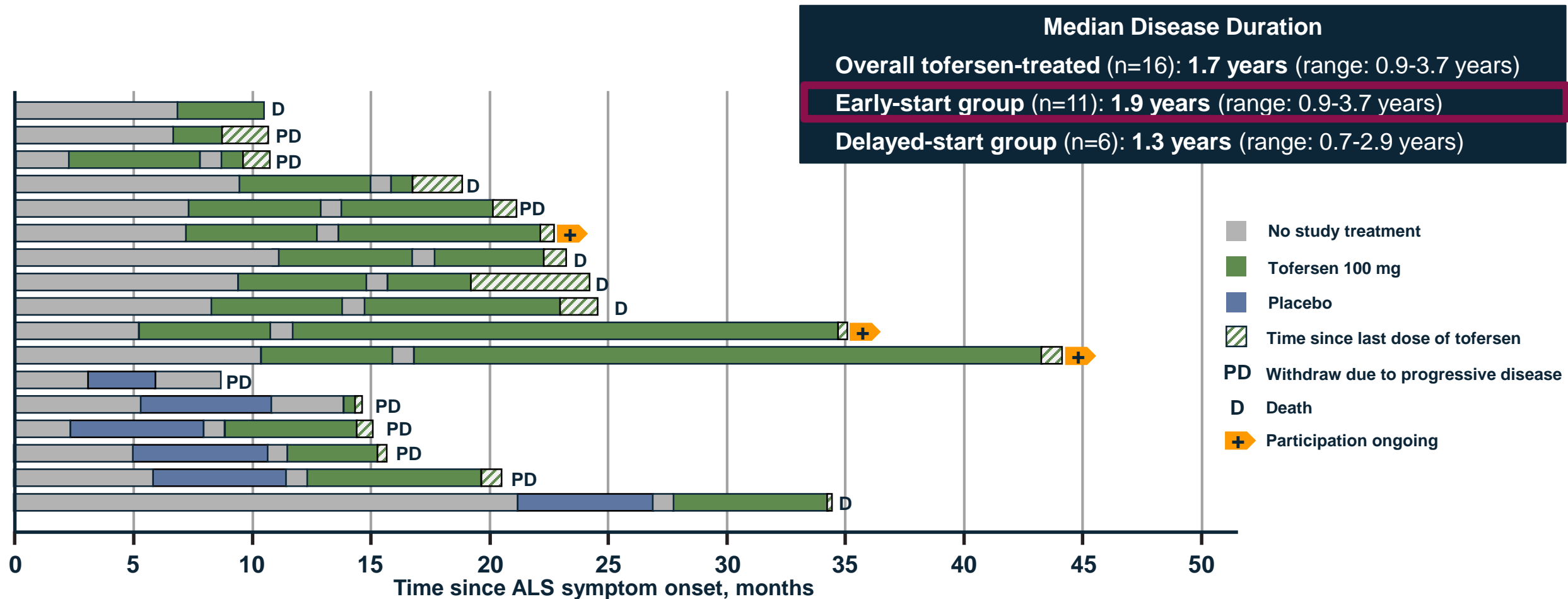
A5V (A4V, p.A5V) carriers



The forest plot reflects identified literature with at least 5 A5V carriers. Unless denoted by \* the descriptive statistics are based on raw data for disease duration since symptom onset. \* denotes that the median survival was estimated from the Kaplan-Meier curve.

# Early-start tofersen was associated with prolonged survival in A5V carriers

Combined VALOR + OLE; ITT population (data cutoff: 16 Jan 2022)



50% increase in median survival compared to expected natural history

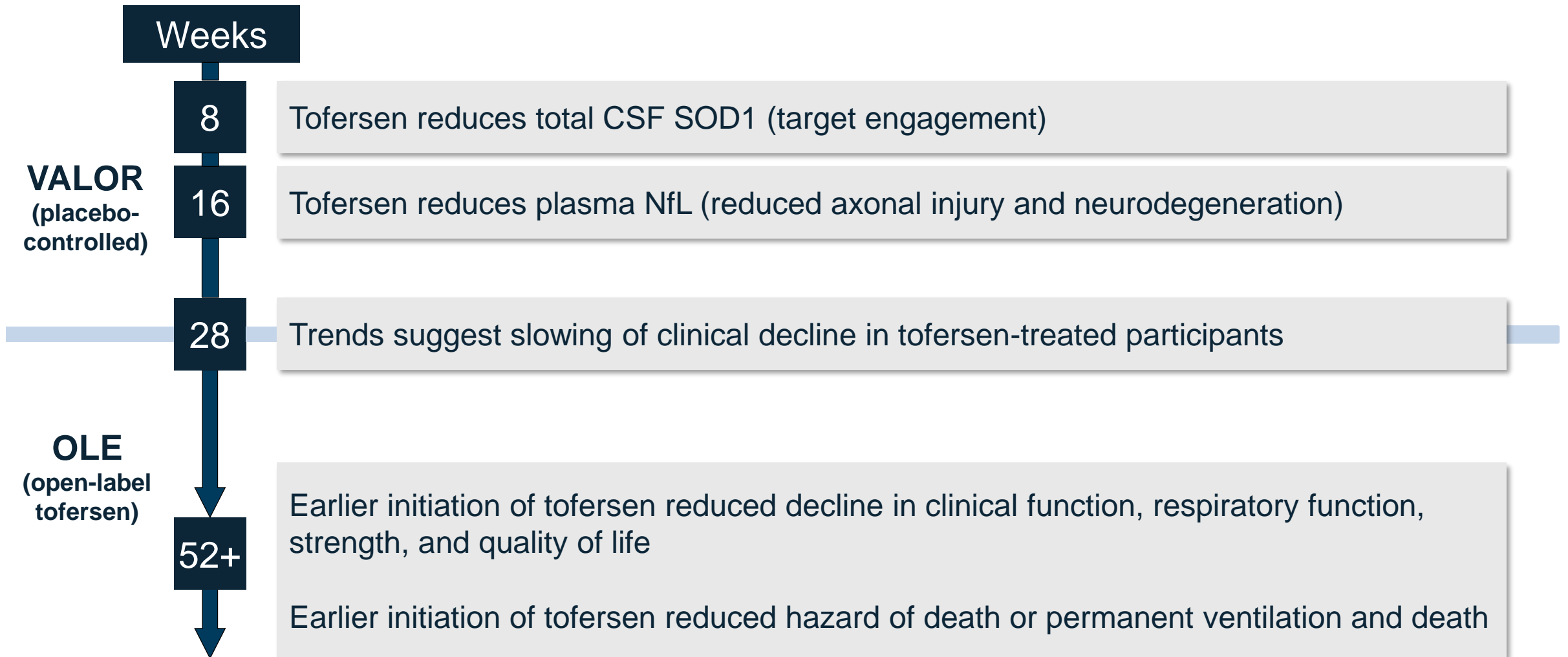


# Serious neurological events were observed in participants who received tofersen

Study 101 + 102 ISS, safety population

	Participants, n (%)		
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# Tofersen demonstrates evidence of biologic effect that precedes evidence of clinical benefit



# Individual cases support evidence of clinical benefit

## Case 1

**Phase 1 participant  
with no worsening  
over several years**

## Case 2

**Phase 3 participant  
with decline in  
VALOR, followed by  
stabilization and  
ultimately  
improvement in the  
OLE**

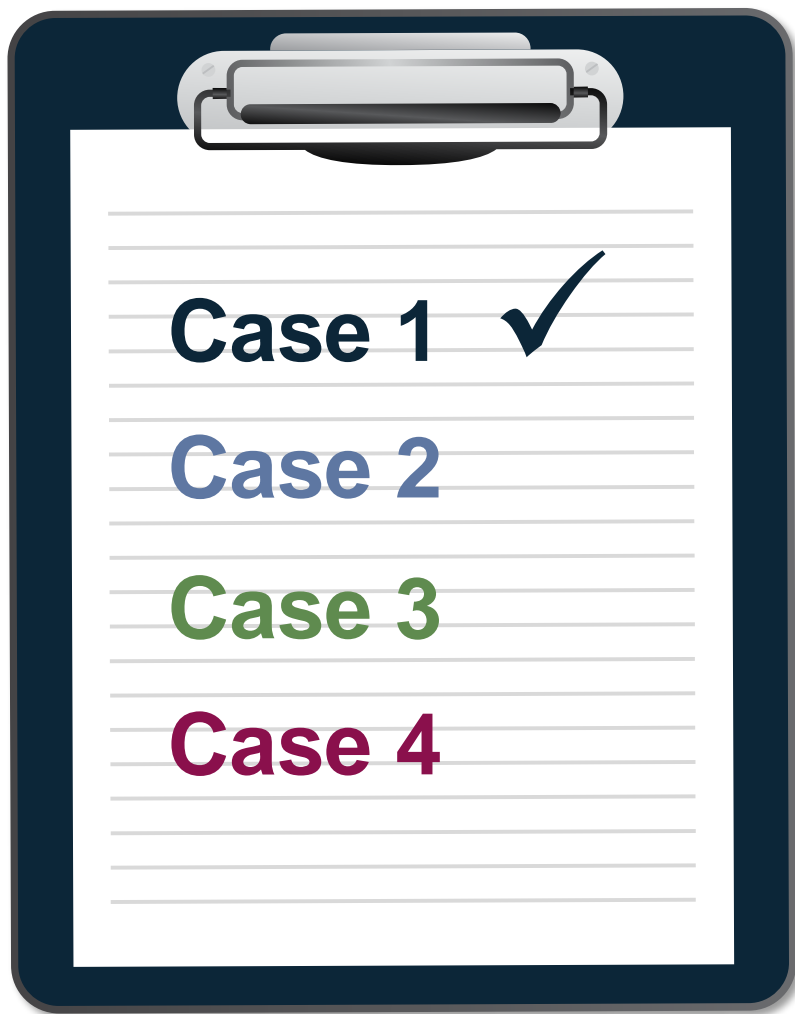
## Case 3

**Expanded access  
participant with  
reductions of NfL  
and improvement of  
strength & function**

## Case 4

**Expanded access  
participant with  
reductions of NfL  
and improvement of  
strength & function**

# Case 1: Phase 1 participant with no worsening over several years



## At trial entry:

- Entered the Phase 1/2 trial in 2017
- Mildly symptomatic, mainly with falls
- *SOD1*-ALS has taken many in his family with typical survival ranging from 5-10 years

# Case 1: Phase 1 participant with no worsening over several years

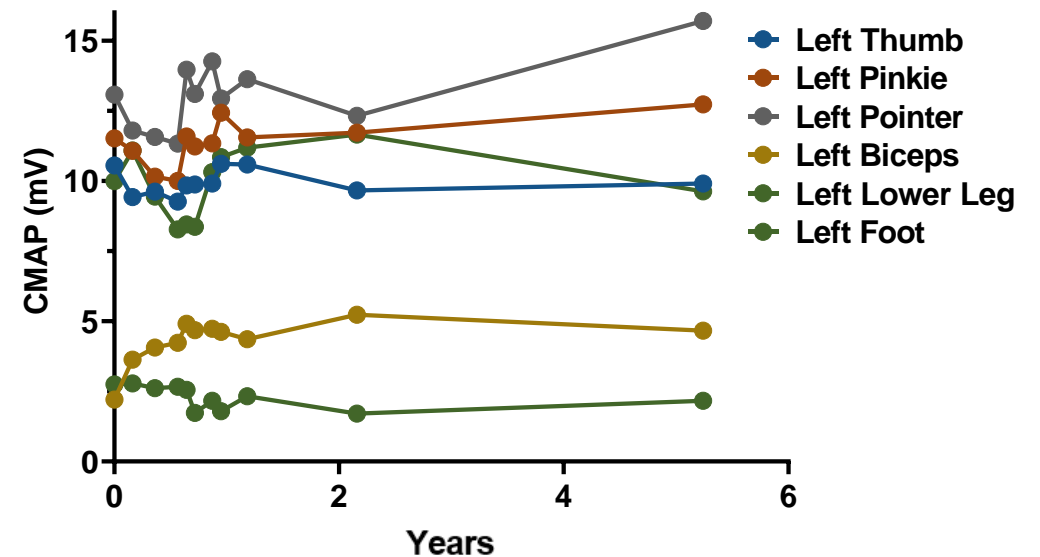
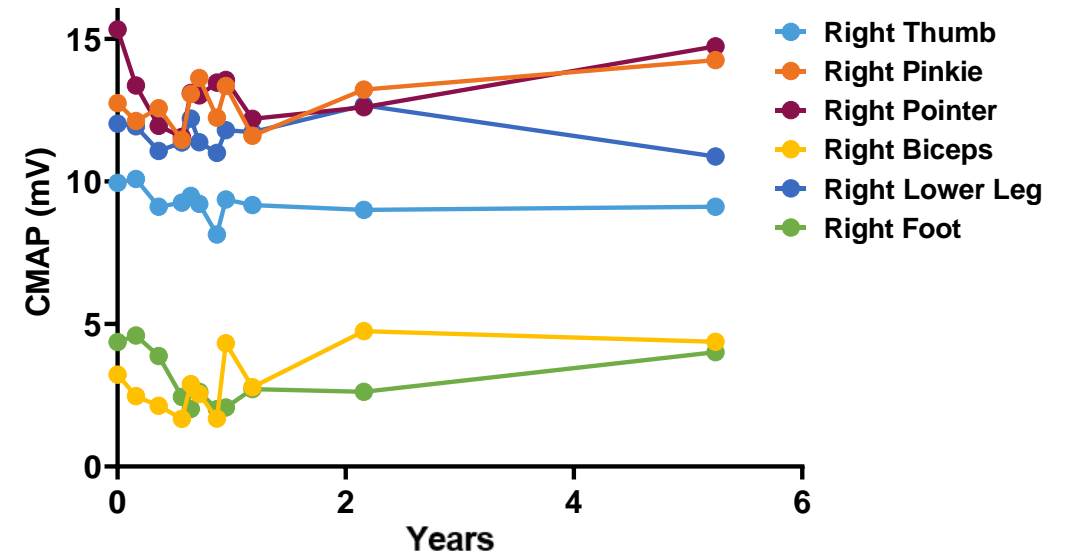
## Clinical status in 2023

Participant is stronger with fewer falls

- CMAP is stable

On EMG (compared to 2017): stable to improved, no evidence of worsening

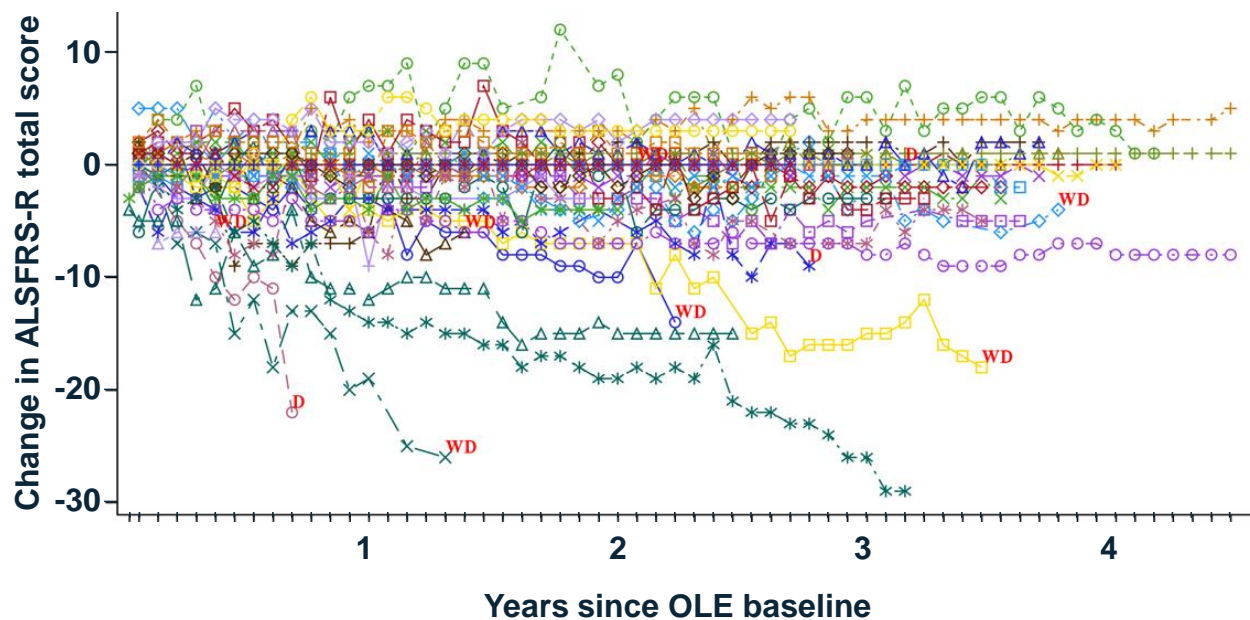
- Arms:
  - 3/3 muscles showed evidence of improvement
- Legs:
  - 1 muscle normal in 2017 remains normal
  - 1 muscle with mild improvement but still clearly abnormal
  - 1 muscle with improvement



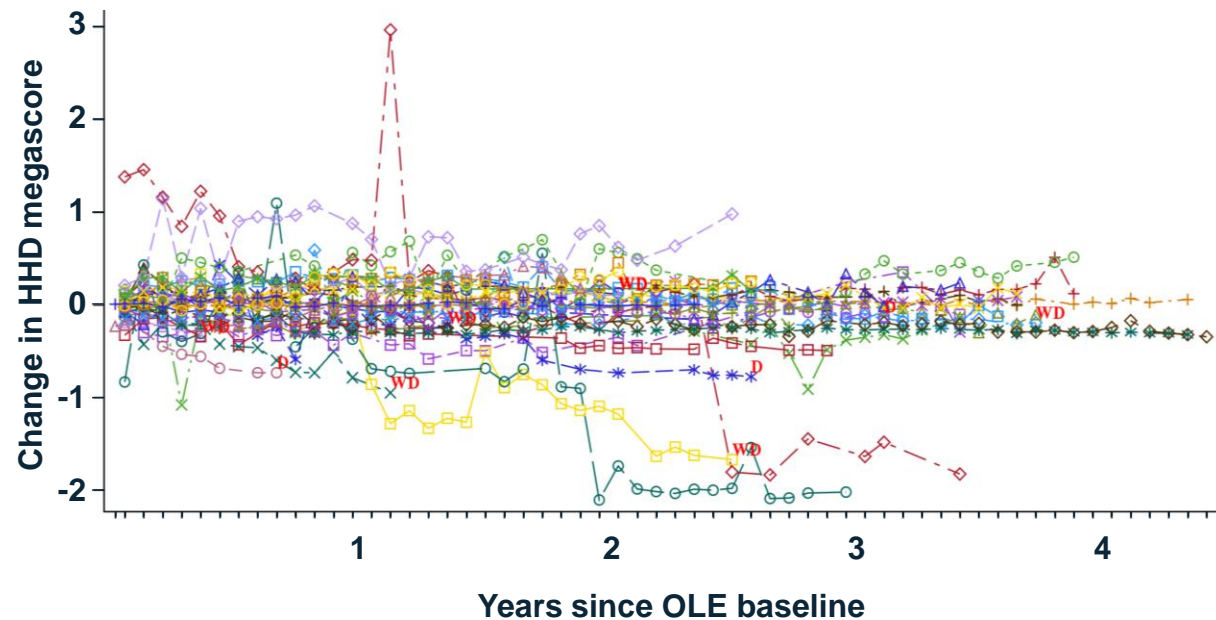
# Longer-term follow-up in Phase 1 participants who received at least 1 dose of tofersen 100 mg in the OLE

- 40 participants (59%) received at least 1 dose of tofersen 100 mg in the OLE
  - Participants had variable dosing histories and washout periods (16 weeks – 2 years) between studies

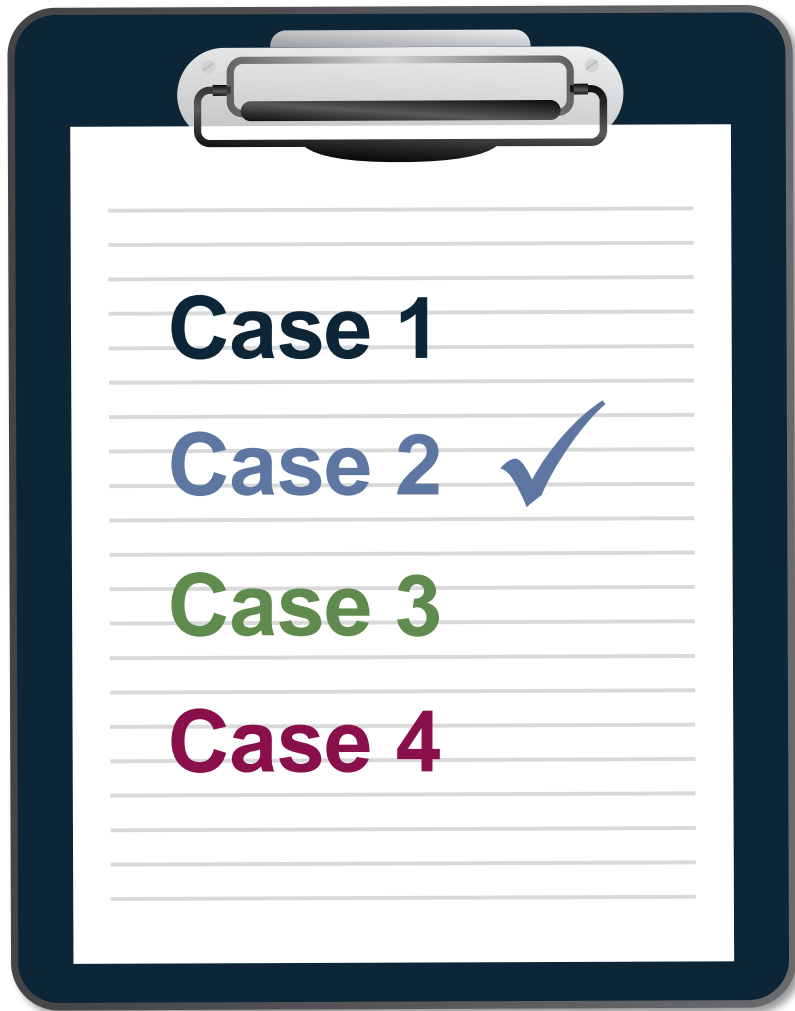
Change in ALSFRS-R total score



Change in HHD megascoring



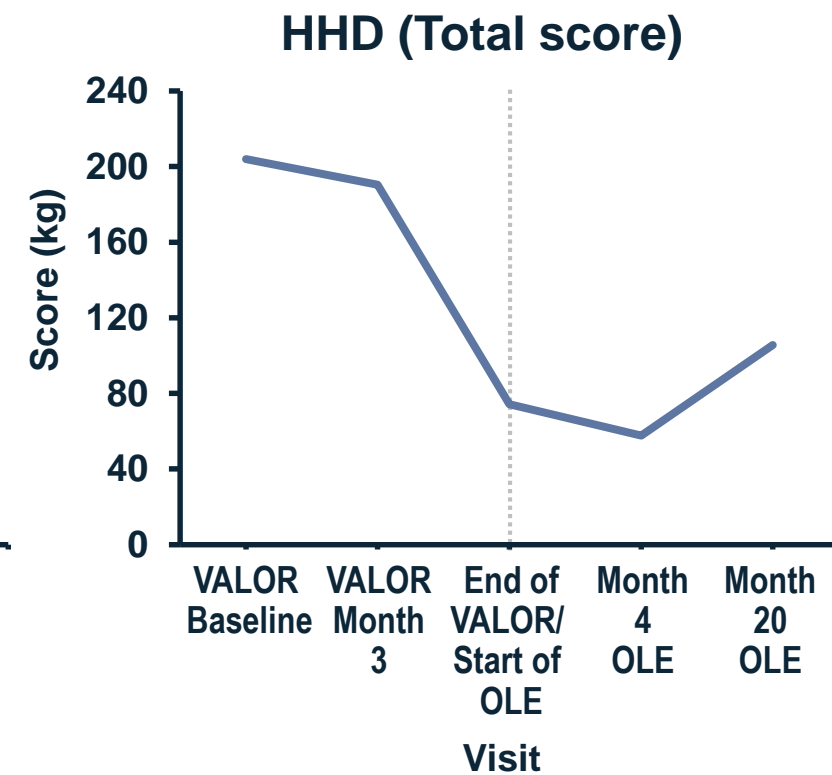
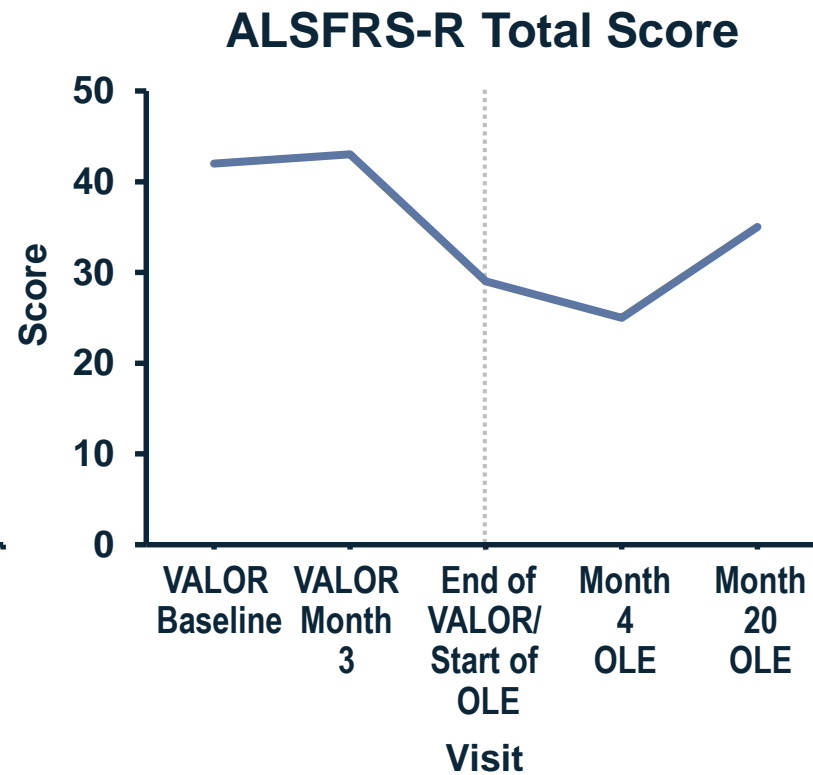
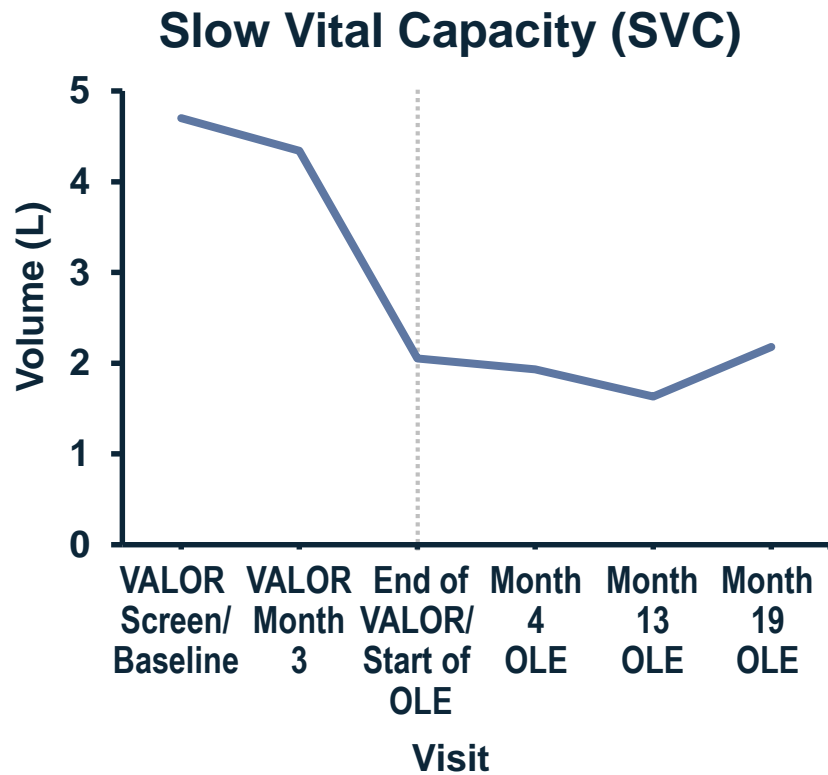
## Case 2: Phase 3 participant with decline in VALOR, followed by stabilization and ultimately improvement in the OLE



### At trial entry:

- Entered VALOR in late 2020
- Baseline plasma NfL: ~63 pg/mL

## Case 2: Phase 3 participant with decline in VALOR, followed by stabilization and ultimately improvement in the OLE

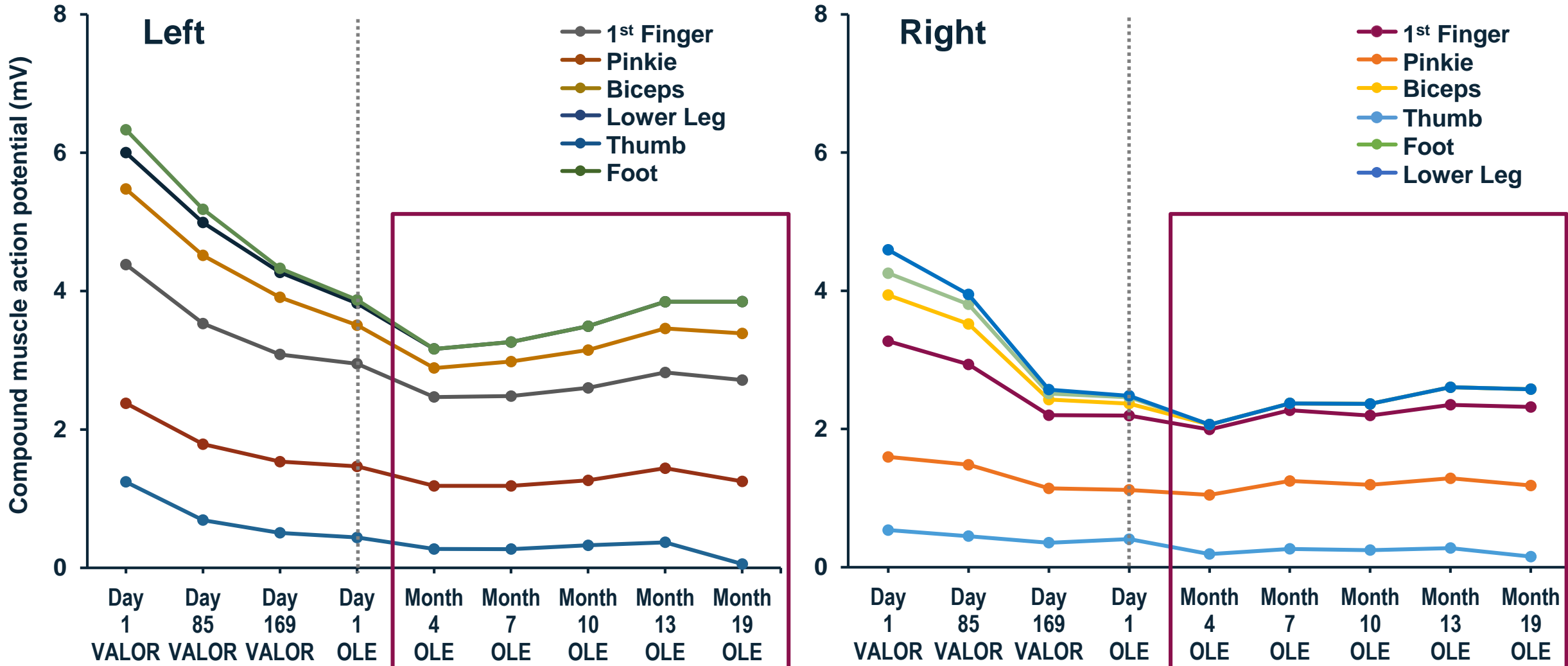


### Clinical status in 2023

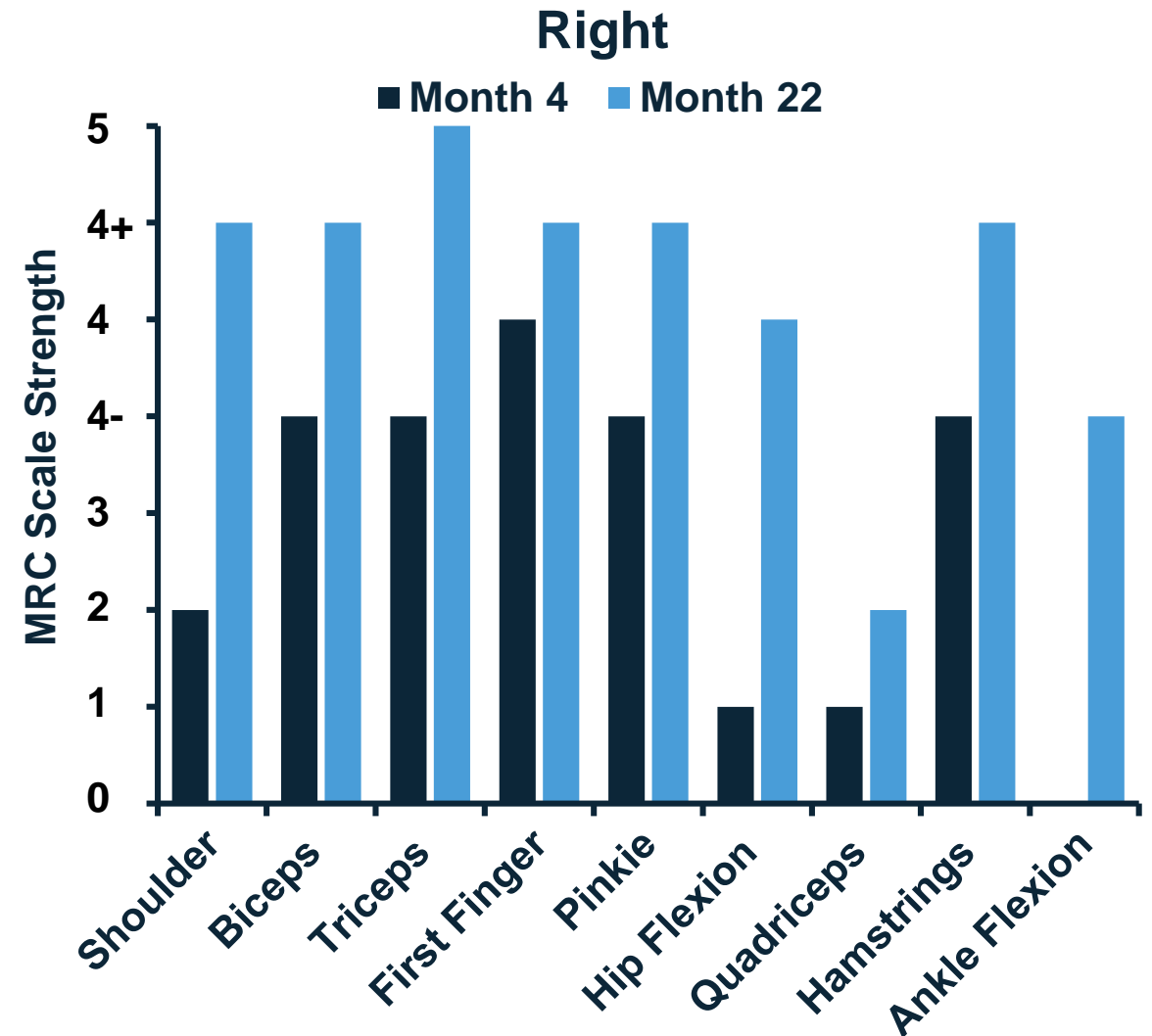
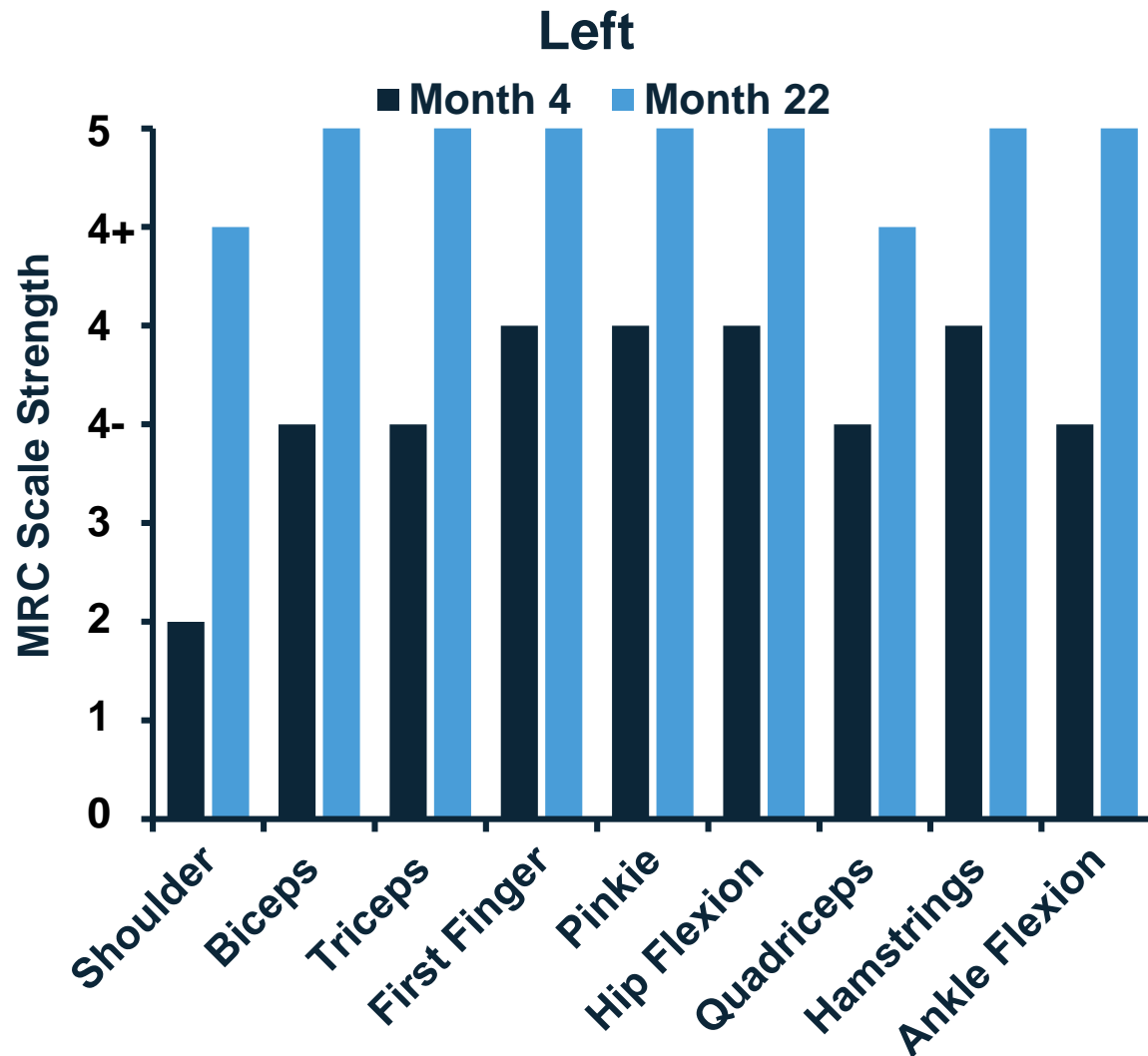
Participant can now use right arm to pour from a full gallon of distilled water, lifts arm easily above head, muscles with nearly full strength in arms; feels much better, no shortness of breath with talking; in rehab to re-learn walking



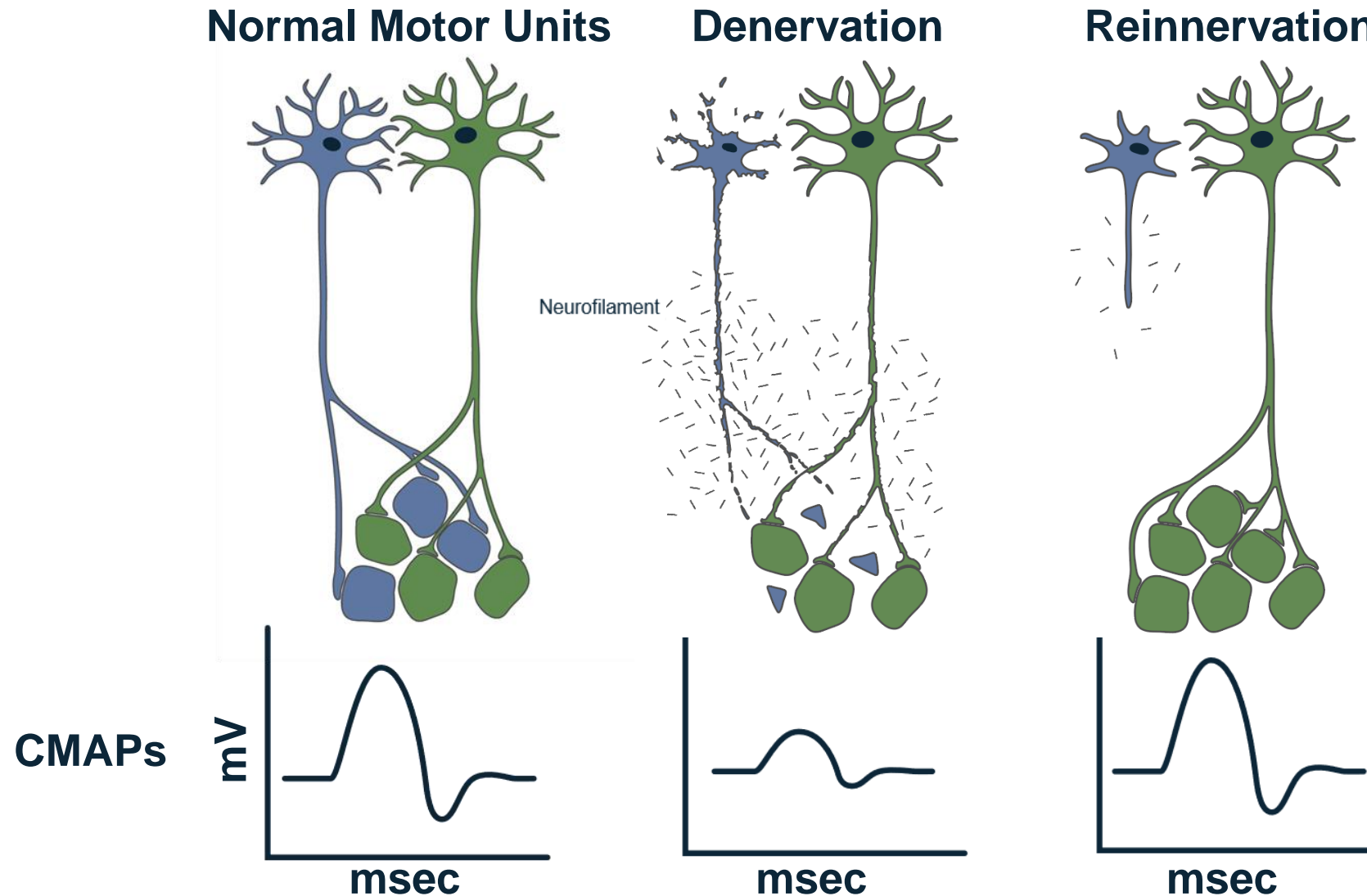
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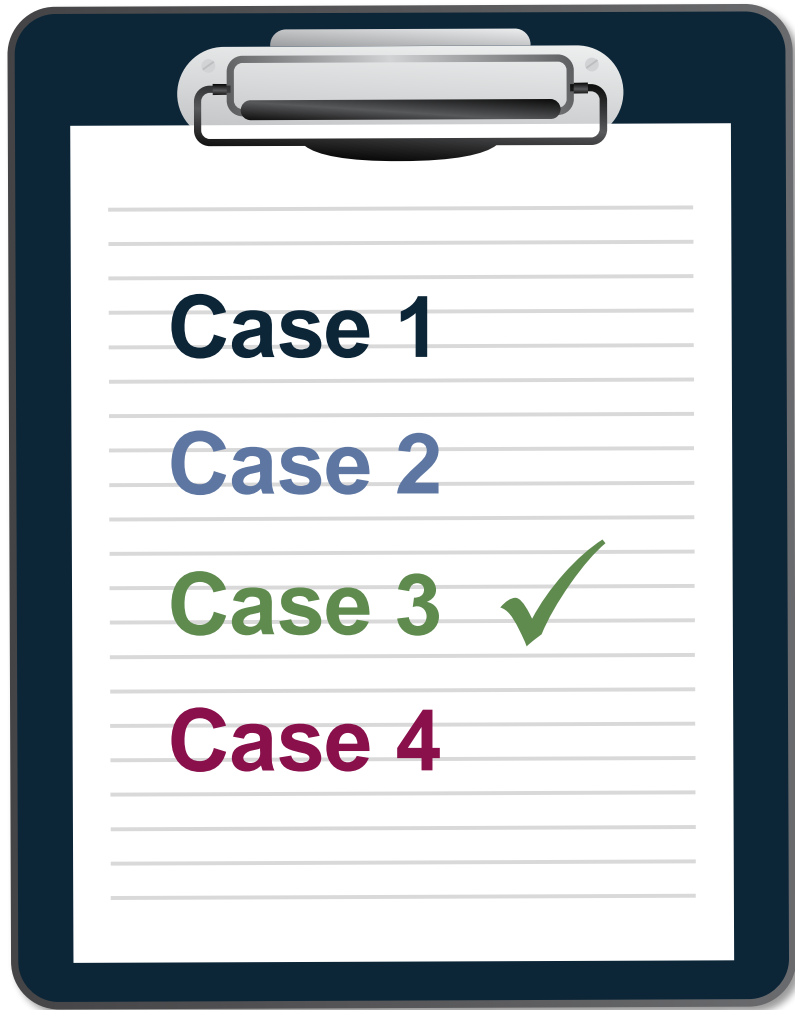
## Case 2: Phase 3 participant with decline in VALOR, followed by stabilization and ultimately improvement in the OLE



# Reinnervation may account for increases in CMAP and strength



# Case 3: Expanded access participant with reductions of NfL and improvement of strength and function

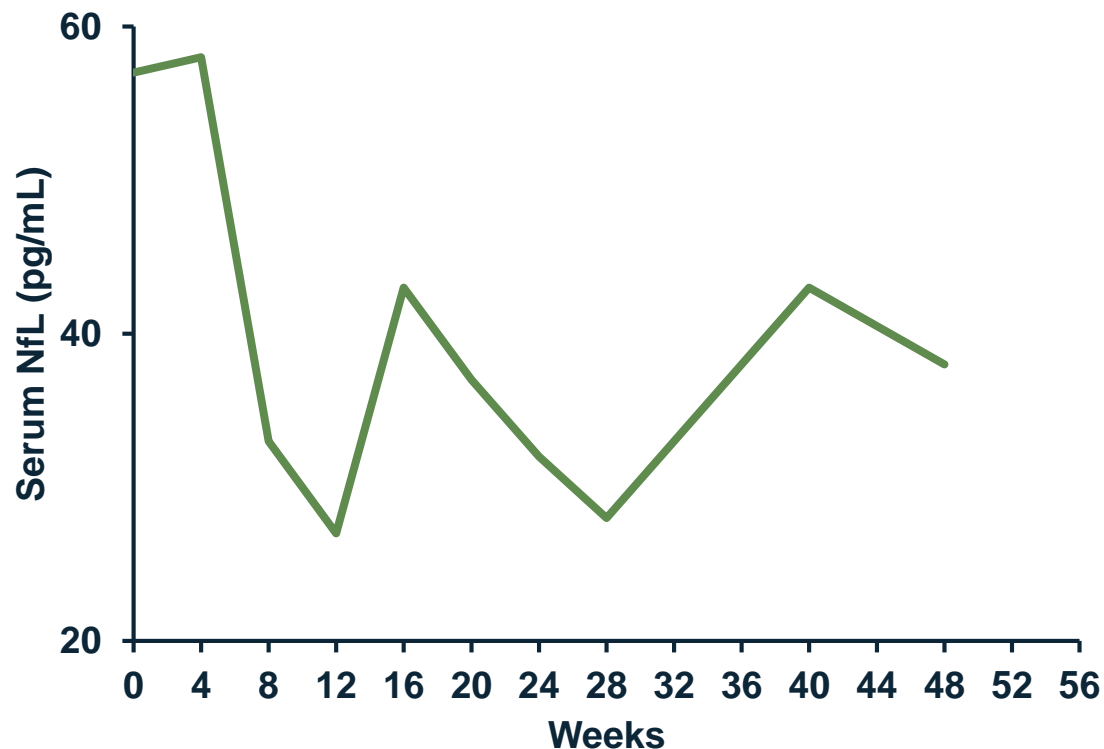


## At EAP entry:

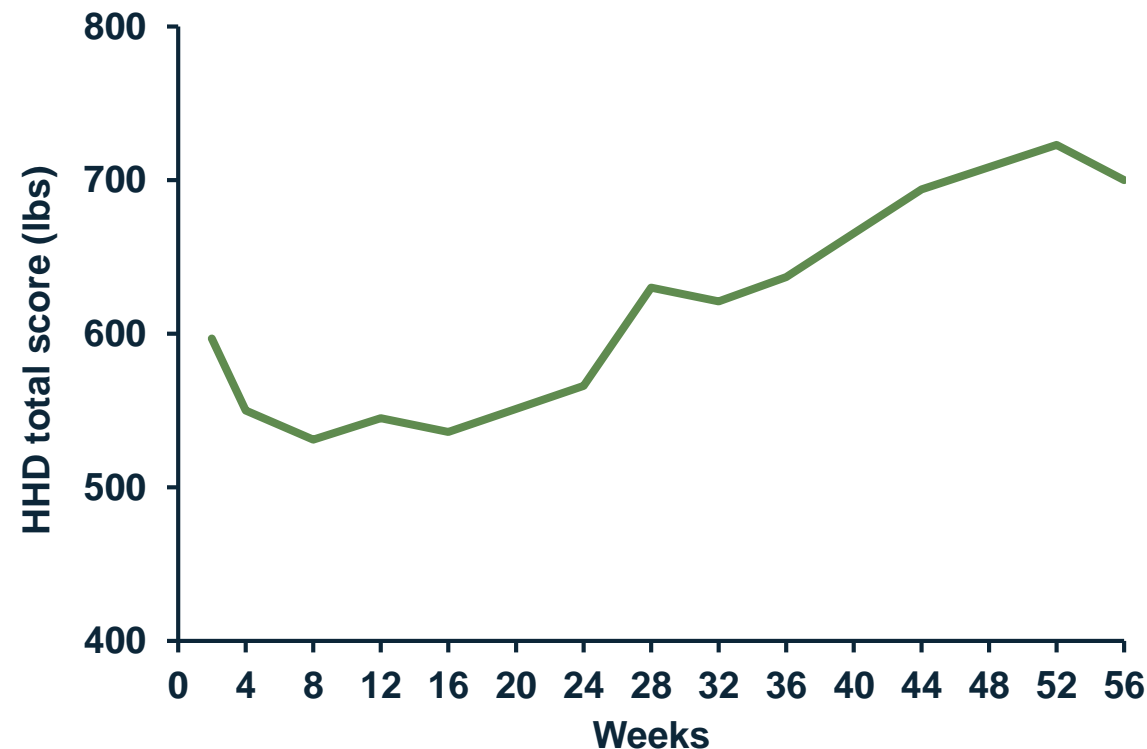
- Entered the EAP in 2022
- Serum NfL level: ~57 pg/mL
- Able to walk but with some falls and difficulty with some tasks using arms

# Case 3: Expanded access participant with reductions of NfL and improvement of strength and function

## Change in serum NfL



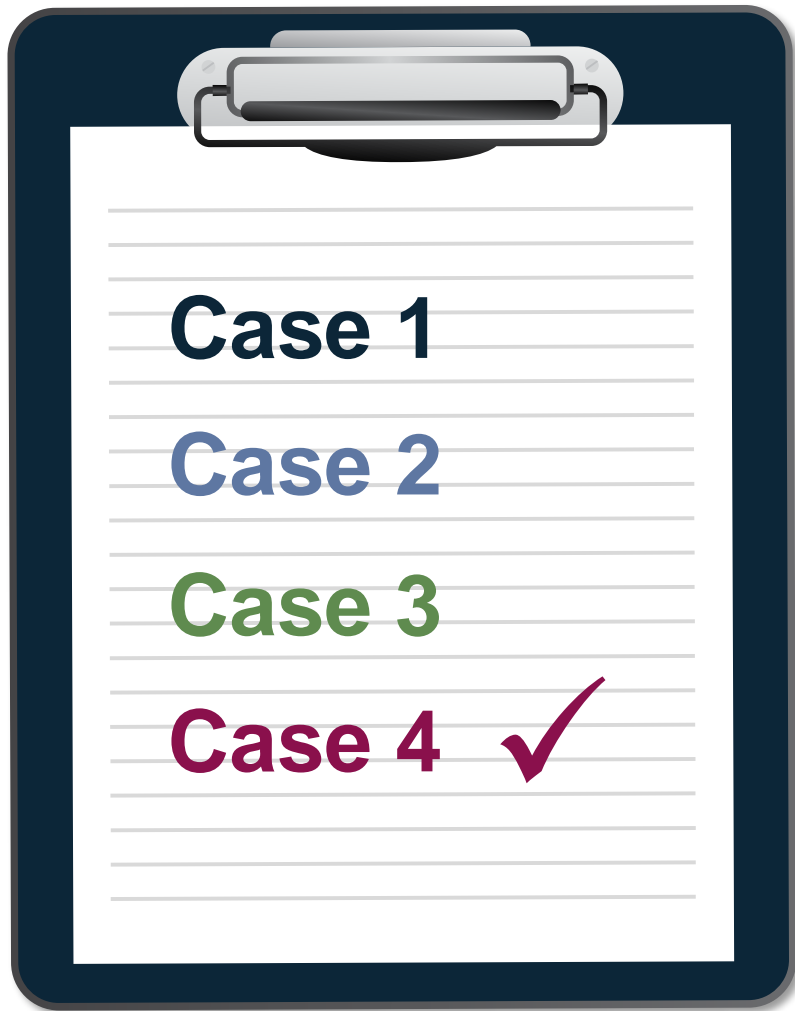
## Change in HHD total score



### Status since initiating tofersen:

Robust reductions in NfL; improvement in strength; fewer falls; able to push off more easily to get out of chair

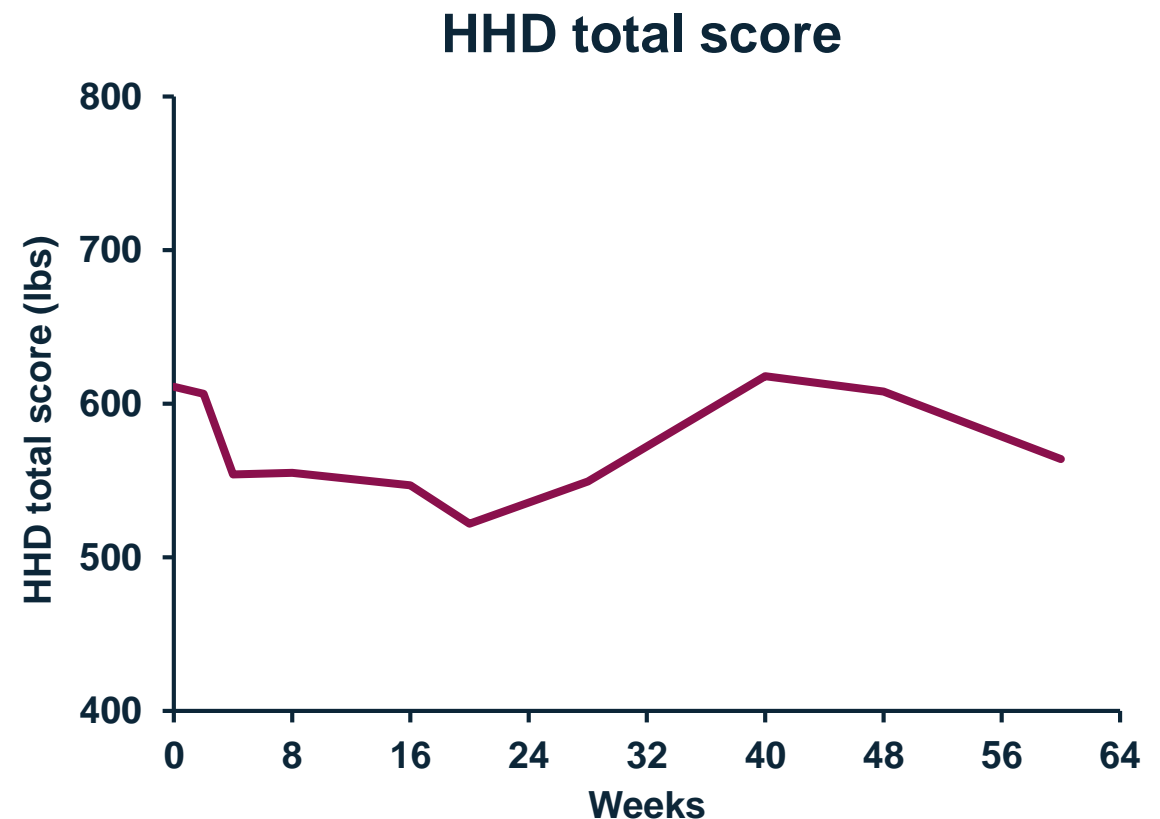
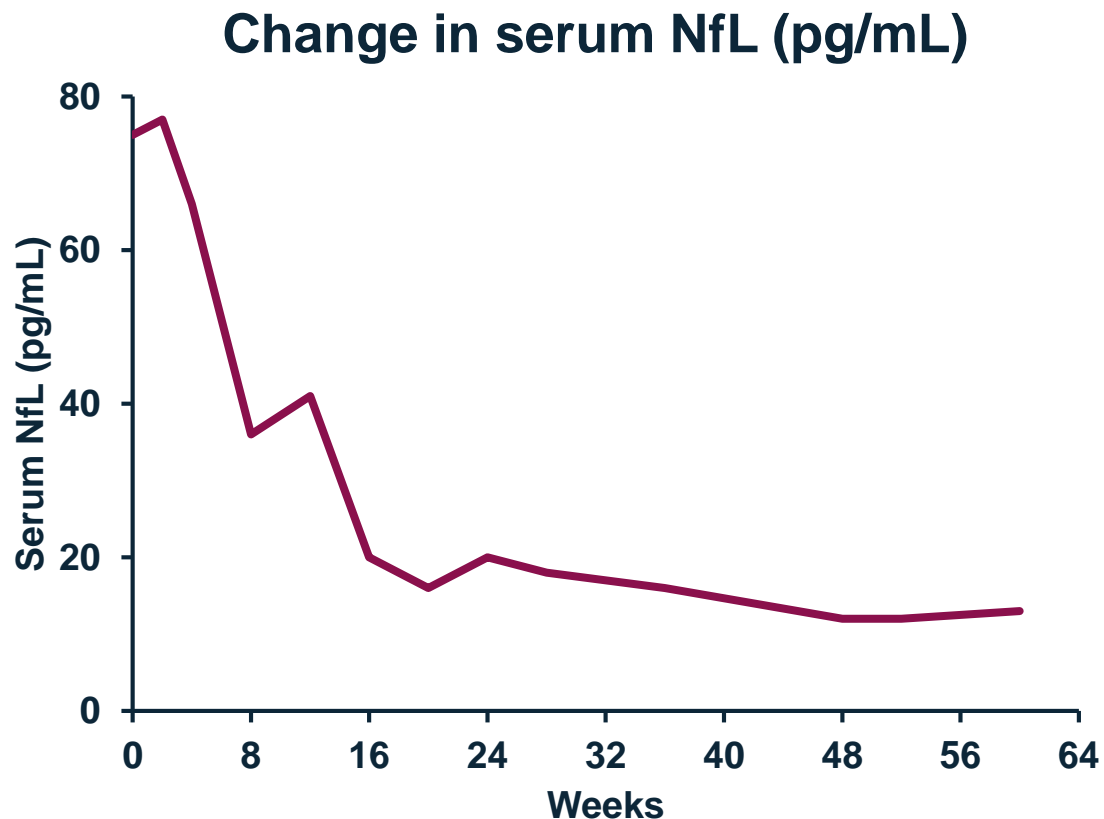
# Case 4: Expanded access participant with reductions of NfL and improvement of strength and function



## At EAP entry:

- Entered the EAP in 2021
- Young man (<35 years old) with relatively new diagnosis of ALS and a *SOD1* mutation known to be relatively rapid
- Serum NfL level: ~78 pg/mL
- Preserved function (45/48 ALSFRS-R) but losing strength

# Case 4: Expanded access participant with reductions of NfL and improvement of strength and function



**Status since initiating tofersen:**

Robust reductions in NfL; improvement in strength and function

# Case 4: Expanded access participant with reductions of NfL and improvement of strength and function

Functional Assessment	Initial PT Evaluation	PT Evaluation at 52 Weeks
Berg Balance Scale	24 / 56	25 / 56
Timed Up and Go (using rollator) <i>Meaningful change: ~2.1 seconds</i>	17 seconds	12.5 seconds
10-meter walk test <i>Meaningful change speed is about 0.15 m/s</i>	0.37 m/s	0.92 m/s

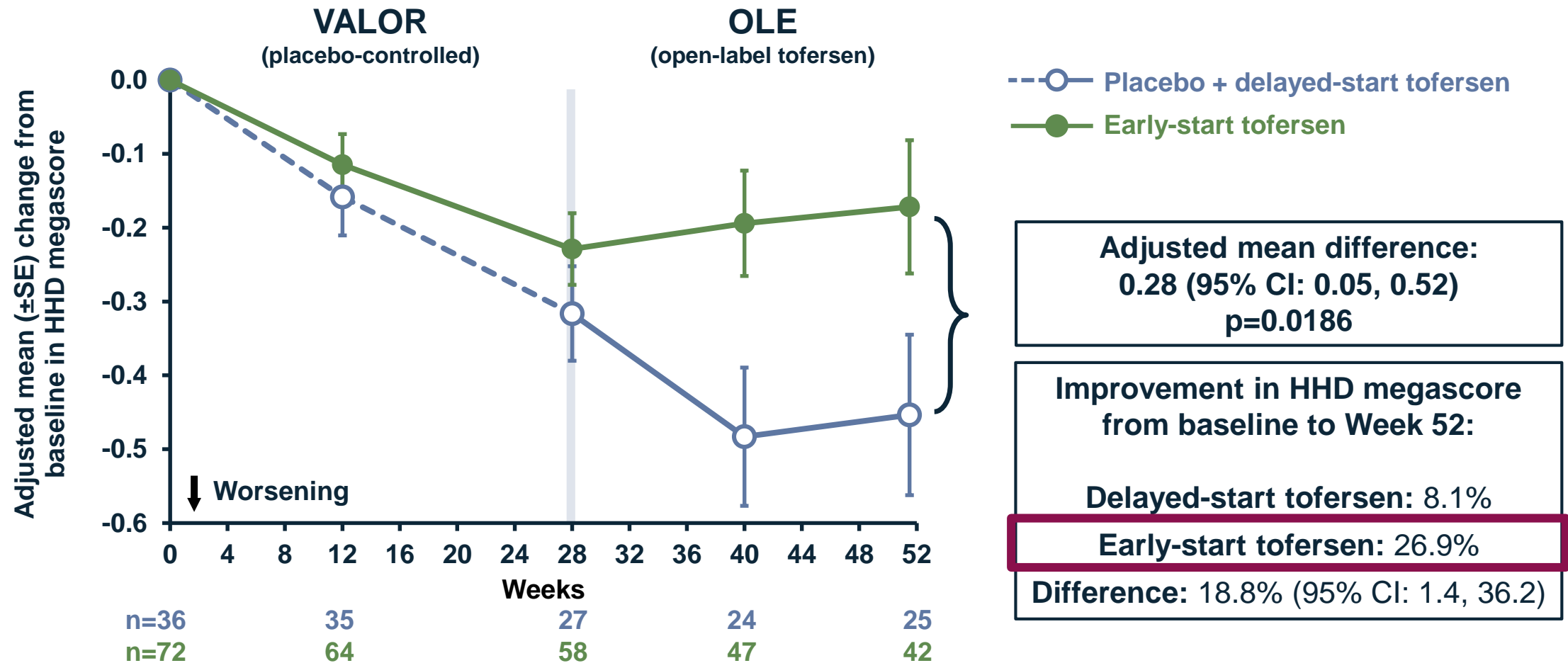
## Status since initiating tofersen:

Robust reductions in NfL; improvement in strength and function



# Early-start tofersen slowed loss of muscle strength

Combined VALOR + OLE; ITT population



HHD, handheld dynamometry; ITT, intent-to-treat; OLE, open-label extension.

Analysis is based on ANCOVA model in conjunction with multiple imputation for missing data. The model includes covariates for the corresponding baseline value, baseline plasma NfL, and use of riluzole or edaravone.

# Reports from global colleagues are equally impressive

## TRICALS

The consensus view of TRICALS neurologists is that Tofersen shows clear benefit for people with ALS due to *SOD1* mutation, especially if given early in the disease course, and support should be given for licensing in this group of patients.

*“In my 30 years as an ALS physician, this is the first study where I have personally seen people stop progressing AND....some of them recover function. The dramatic effect also on NfL is a huge step forward for the field.”*

**Dr. Merit Cudkowicz; Massachusetts General Hospital**

*“This is the first-time participating patients have reported an improvement in their motor function – ‘I can walk without my poles. I can climb my garden steps, which I haven’t been able to do for two years. I can write my Christmas cards this year, which I couldn’t do last year.’”*

**Prof Dame Pamela Shaw; Neuroscience Institute in Sheffield**



## ‘Really remarkable’ drug helps motor neuron diseases

By Layla Nelson · September 21, 2022

## THE TIMES OF ISRAEL

### ‘New era of treatment’: Israelis among first to receive ‘game-changing’ ALS medicine

Tofersen, which is injected into the spine like an epidural, is giving new hope to two patients at Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center

By NATHAN JEFFAY

15 December 2022, 11:49 am



# Current therapies do not address *SOD1*-ALS pathophysiology

1995	2011	2017	2022
<b>Rilutek<sup>®</sup></b> <b>(riluzole)</b>	<b>Nuedexta<sup>®</sup></b> <b>(dextromethorphan hydrobromide and quinidine sulfate)</b>	<b>Radicava<sup>®</sup></b> <b>(edaravone)</b>	<b>Relyvrio<sup>™</sup></b> <b>(sodium phenylbutyrate and taurursodiol)</b>
Indicated for the treatment of ALS	Indicated for the treatment of pseudobulbar affect (PBA)	Indicated for the treatment of ALS	Indicated for the treatment of ALS

**None designed to target underlying disease pathology of *SOD1*-ALS**

# Perspective on use of tofersen in clinical practice

- *SOD1*-ALS is serious, progressive, and ultimately fatal with significant unmet medical need
- Adverse events warrant consideration (serious neurologic events, LP-related events), but in the context of the disease and the effects demonstrated, the potential benefits outweigh the potential risks
- A reduction of neurofilament indicates slowing of the neurodegenerative disease process
- Tofersen has demonstrated potential for stabilization or improvement of clinical function, strength, and quality of life
- Case report data and individual stories of improved strength and function are consistent, remarkable, and unprecedented
- We recognize and appreciate the many people who made this possible
- Urgent need to make tofersen available to people living with *SOD1*-ALS



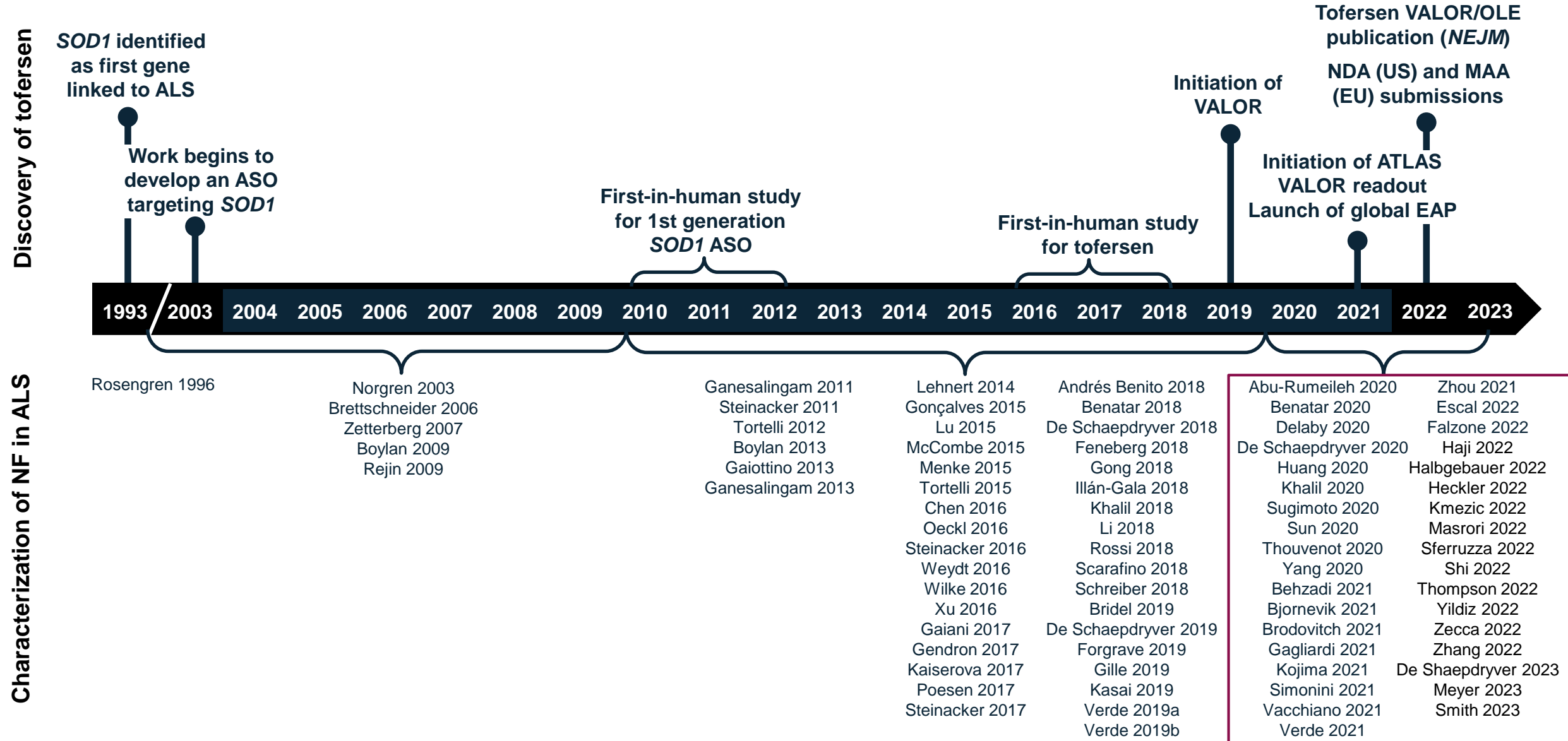
## Conclusion

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# Tofersen development program reflects the progression of scientific knowledge



# Support for the approval of tofersen for *SOD1*-ALS

*SOD1*-ALS is a serious, life-threatening disease with critical unmet medical need

Tofersen has a substantial effect on neurofilament, a surrogate endpoint that is reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit

Tofersen has a clinically significant impact on disease progression

Serious neurologic events warrant awareness and consideration, but are manageable in the context of *SOD1*-ALS

ATLAS is an ongoing, adequately-controlled study to confirm clinical benefit

To our study participants, their families, and their caregivers...

To our study investigators and site staff...

To the patient advocacy organizations and clinical trial consortia...

To the entire ALS community...

***Thank You***