

ALS Case Study: Clinical Trial Designs for Small Patient Populations

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Affects ~30,000 people in US

~6000 new cases per year in US

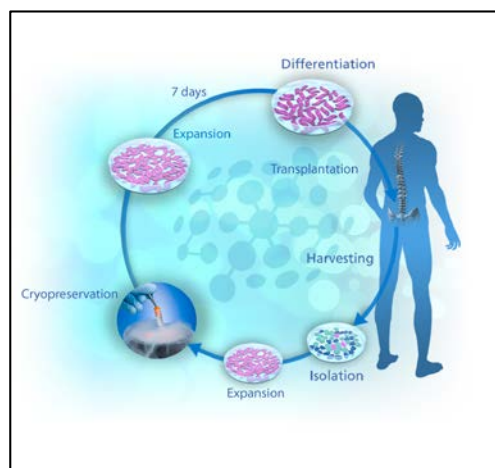
\$250,000 per year cost of care

Diagnostic delays are common

51 clinical trials, 2 approved therapies

Clin Neurol Neurosurg 2012, J Neurol Sci 2014

Development

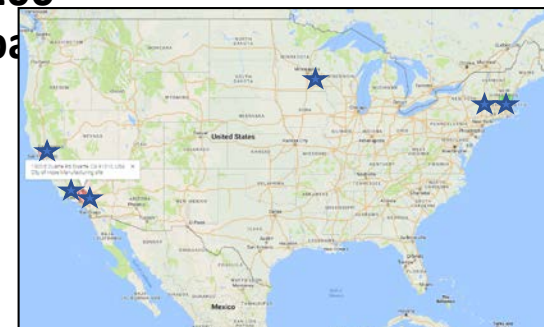


2007
NurOwn
Technology
Developed

2010-2014 Phase
1/2a Open Label
Studies 26
participants

2014-2016 Phase 2
randomized
study 48
participants

2017 +
Phase 3
randomized
study 200
participants



ALS clinical trial design



Rapid progressors and shorter time to diagnosis →
predictable decline (prognostic enrichment)



Rapid progressors → more likely to respond to ALS
therapy (predictive enrichment)



Use of rapid progressors → increases ALS study power
(reduced study sample size)



Pre-post ALS treatment design → ALSFRS-R slope
change (responder analysis)

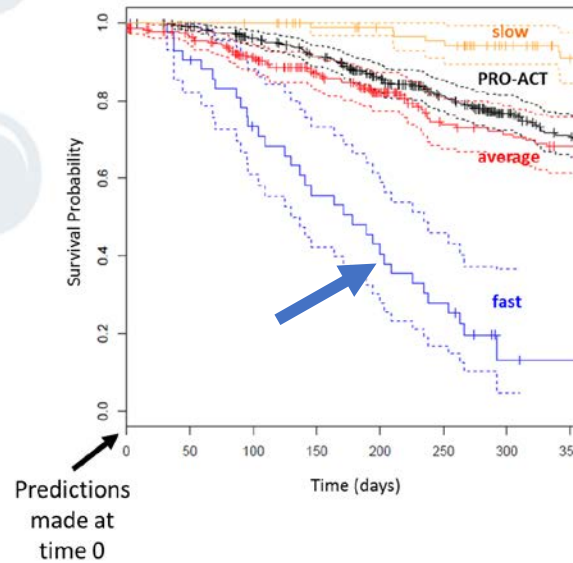


Prognostic Enrichment

rapid
progressors:
strong
correlation
with survival

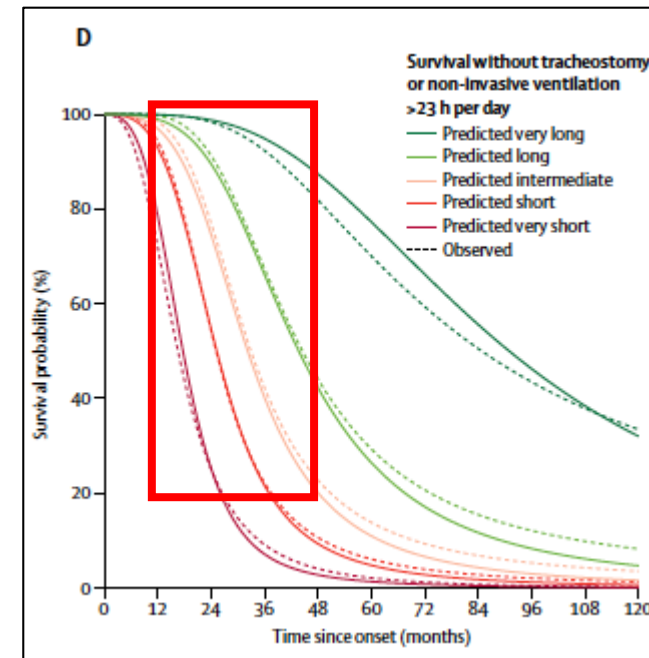
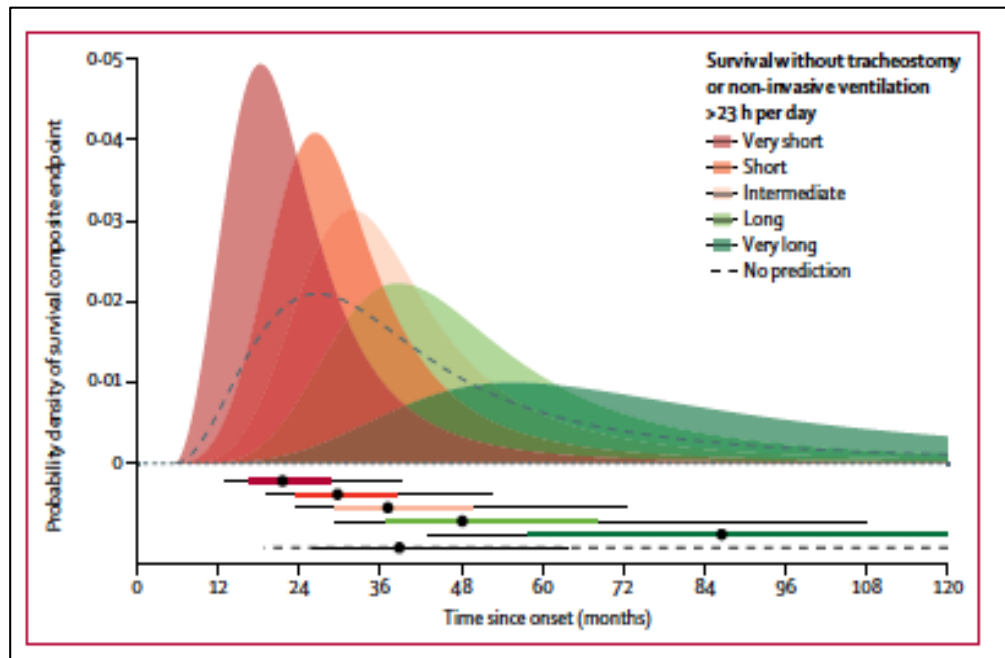
Machine learning Models for the Clinical
development of Gene and cell Therapies
Albert Taylor et al, Origent Data Sciences, Poster
presentation

Observed KM Curves of Slow, Average and Fast Progressors



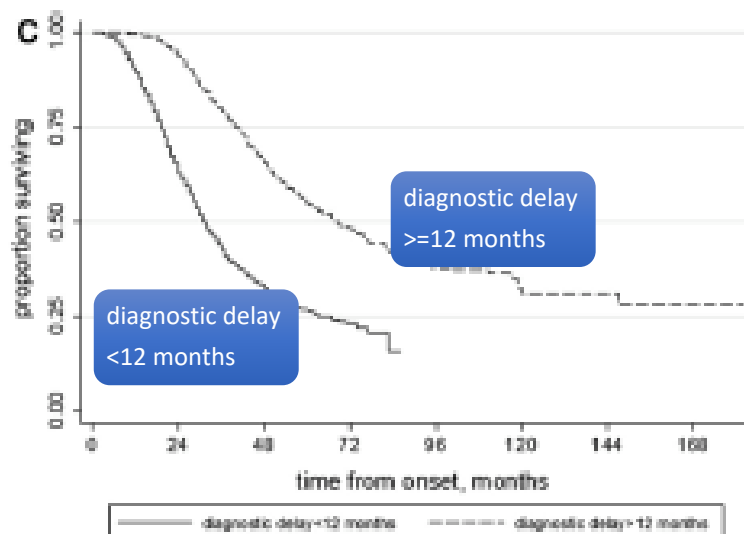
Group	Sample Size	Mean ALSFRS-R Slope (pts/mo)	Median Survival (months)
Starting	425	-1.06	16.9
Slow	96	-0.44	N/A
Average	286	-1.18	15.9
Fast	43	-1.8	5.8

Prognostic Enrichment: ALS rapid progressors show less clinical variability and more predictable rates of decline



Adapted from Westeneng, Lancet Neurology 2018.

Prognostic Enrichment: Shorter
time to ALS diagnosis identifies group with
more rapid decline

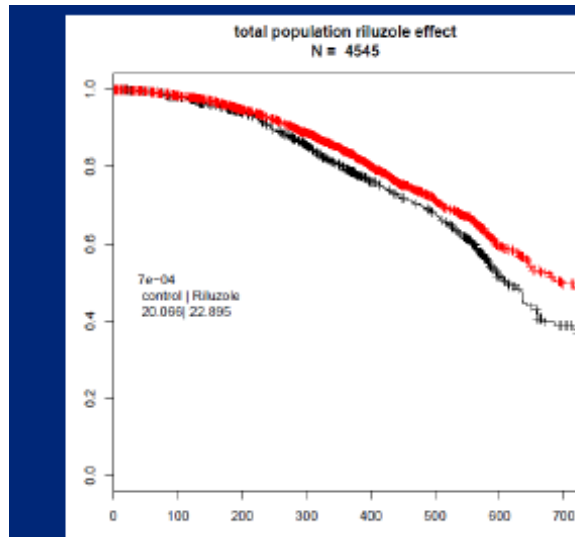


J Neurol 2017

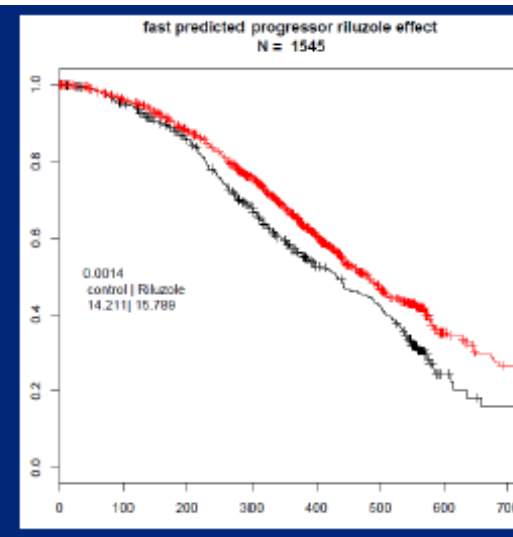
Predictive Enrichment: Rapid Progressor Subgroup Showed Greater Response to Riluzole



Total Population



Rapid Progressor Subgroup



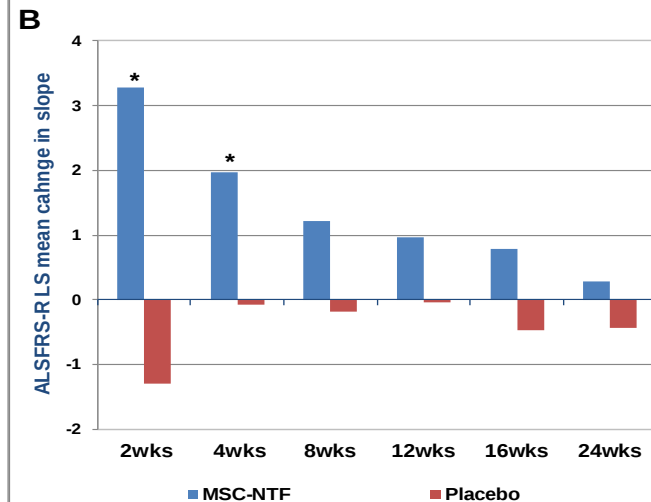
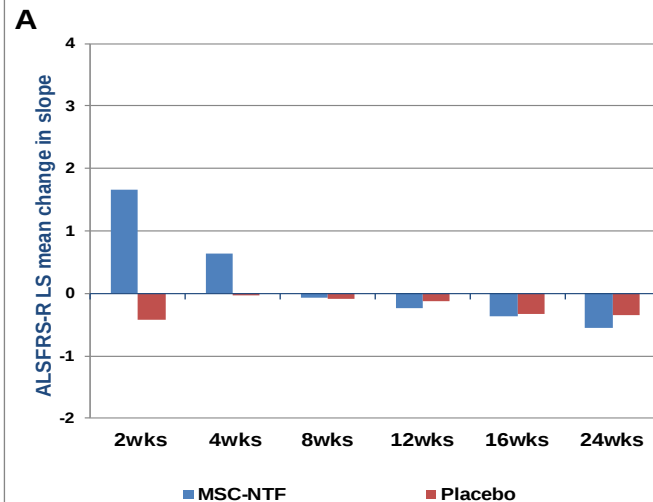
Fournier CN, et al. Enriched clinical trial cohorts improve study power. 16th Annual NEALS Meeting, Tampa, FL, USA, October 4, 2017

Predictive Enrichment: Rapid Progressor Subgroup Showed Greater Response to NurOwn®



All participants (n=46)

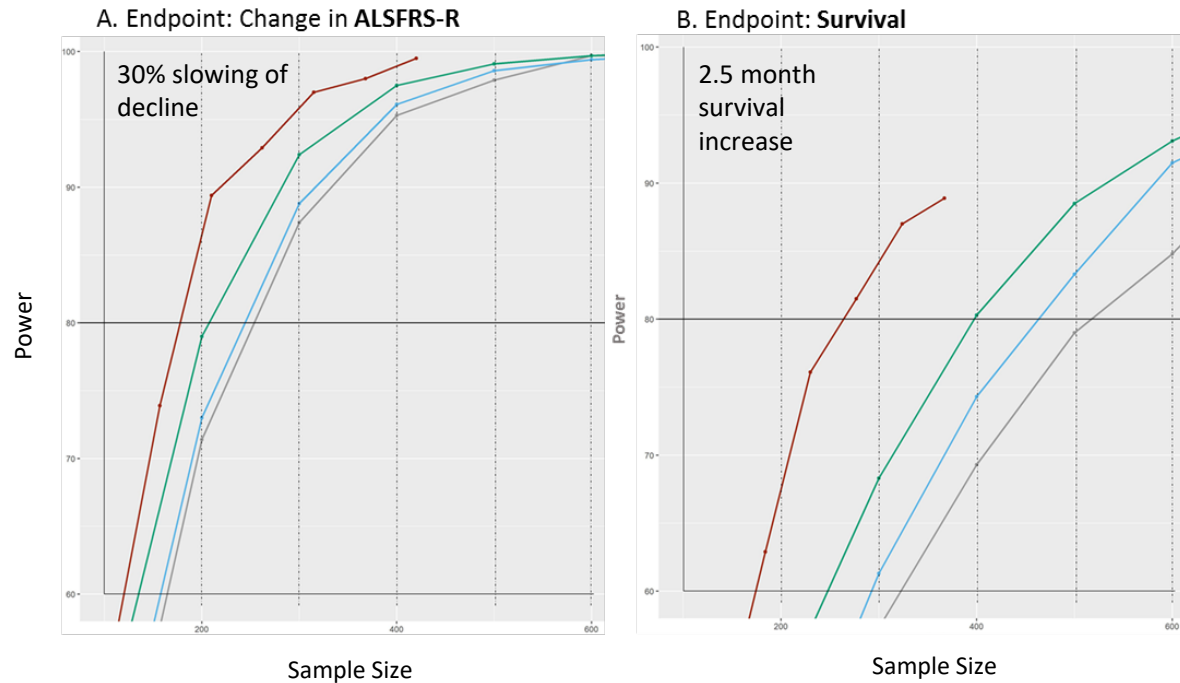
Rapid progressors (n=21)



NurOwn Phase 2
RCT

* $p < 0.05$ (two-sided T test)

Study Power: enrichment can reduce ALS



ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION

Can Selection of Rapidly Progressing Patients Shorten Clinical Trials in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis?

Mamede de Carvalho, MD; Michael Swash, MD

Archives of Neurology 2006

Key	Randomization Strata	Enrollment/Analysis Strata
—	Random #	None
—	Traditional	None
—	Algorithmic	None
—	Algorithmic	Predicted strata

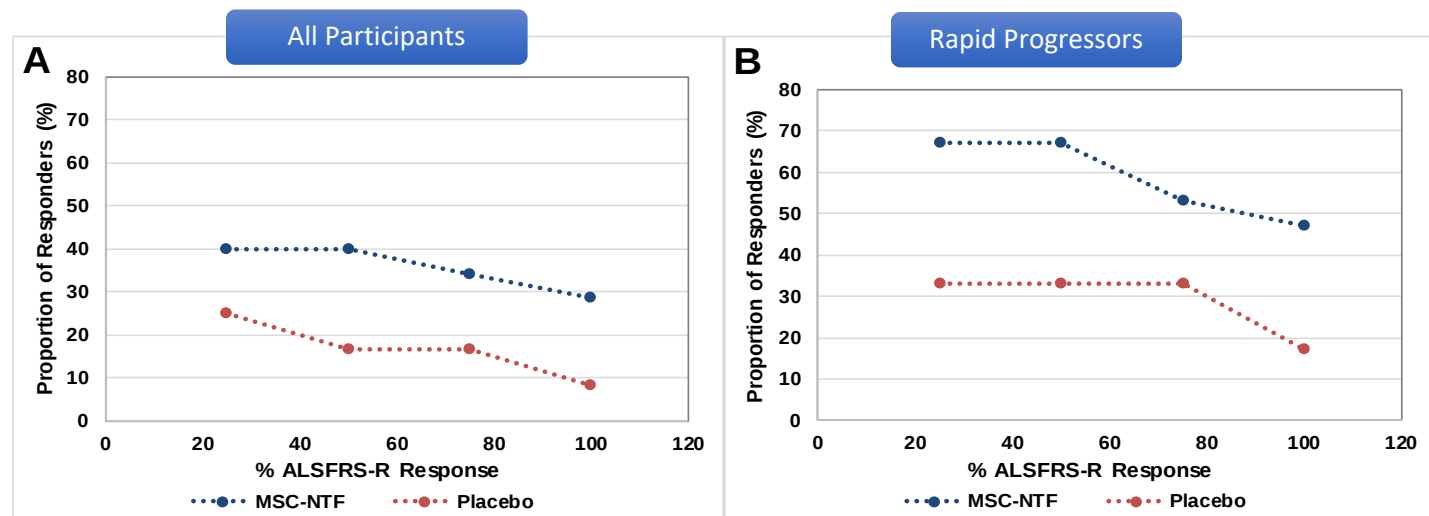


Responder Analysis*: Pre-post treatment ALSFRS-R slope reduces heterogeneity and identifies responders

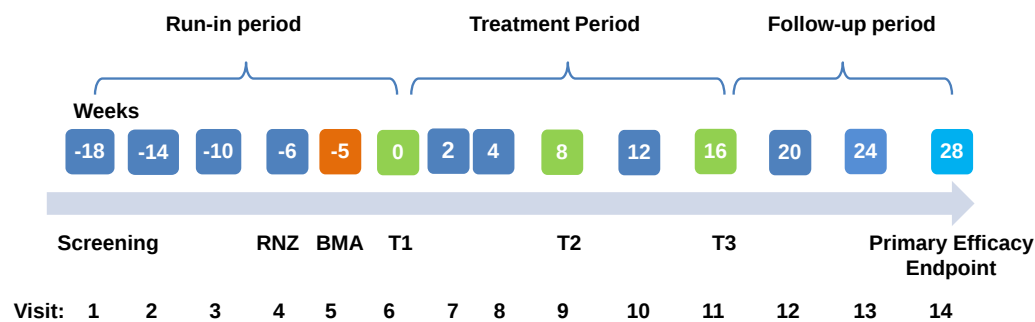


*Phase 2 NurOwn® Study Design

Responder Analysis: Cumulative Probability of Responder Analysis (CPRA) 12 weeks post transplantation



BCT-002-US Phase 3 Study Design



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BMA: Bone Marrow Aspiration

RNZ: Randomization

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T1, T2, T3: Treatments 1, 2 and 3, respectively

ALSFERS-R: will be assessed at all time points except at BMA visit

Blood and CSF will be collected for biomarker analyses at visits 6 through 13

Disease duration < 2 years
(inclusion criteria)

Rapid progressor subgroup
(inclusion criteria)

Pre-post treatment slope
responder analysis (study
design)

Thank you