

table e-1. Demographic, clinical and serological characteristics of the NMO cohort.

NMO case*	Sex	Age at onset	Disease duration (months)	Clinical Course	Nature of Relapses	Cause of death	NMO-IgG status	History of N/V	AP Lesions
1	F	39	36	Relapsing	rLETM; ON; ophthalmoplegia; bulbar symptoms	RA	+	2 months prior to death	Present
2	F	12	36	Relapsing	ON; rLETM; encephalopathy + coma	RA	N/A	At age 14 prior to LETM	Present
3	M	N/A	N/A (age at death 47)	Relapsing	rLETM; ON	N/A	N/A	Not mentioned	Present
4	F	49	47	Relapsing	rLETM; bilateral ON	RA	N/A	Not mentioned	Present
5	F	27	8	Relapsing	rON; headache; vertigo	SAH	+	At time of death	Present
6	F	67	11	Relapsing	ON; rLETM; visual hallucinations	RA	N/A	5 days prior to death	Present
7	F	17	66	Relapsing	rLETM; ON	RA	N/A	Not mentioned	Absent
8	F	56	24	Relapsing	rON; rLETM	PE	N/A	Not mentioned	Absent
9	F	45	56	Relapsing	LETM; ON	RA	N/A	Not mentioned	Absent
10	M	41	12	Relapsing	rLETM; rON; encephalopathy	RA	N/A	Not mentioned	Absent
11	F	56	108	Relapsing	rLETM; ON; encephalopathy + coma	RA	+	Not mentioned	Absent
12	F	56	96	Relapsing	rLETM; rON; encephalopathy	RA	+	Not mentioned	Absent

13	F	39	21	Relapsing	Encephalopathy; bulbar symptoms; bilateral ON; ophthalmoplegia; LETM	RA	-	Prior to initial relapse	Absent
14	F	74	36	Relapsing	rLETM	PU	+	Not mentioned	Absent
15	F	45	27	Relapsing	rLETM; ON	RA	N/A	Not mentioned	Absent

*Patients 1 to 6 in table e-1 are the same with patients 1 to 6 in Table 1; N/V = nausea / vomiting; AP = area postrema; rLETM = relapsing longitudinal extensive transverse myelitis; ON = optic neuritis; RA = respiratory arrest; N/A = not available; LETM = longitudinal extensive transverse myelitis; rON = relapsing optic neuritis; SAH = subarachnoid hemorrhage; PE = pulmonary embolism; PU = perforated ulcer.