## **Supplementary Table e-3.** Summary of the multi-level analysis of the longitudinal NfL patterns.

Cohort/Sample type	Outcome	<b>Exposure Groups</b>	Estimate (95% CI)#	P-value for	<b>Exposure Groups</b>	Estimate (95% CI)#	P-value for
		A § (n)		difference	<b>B</b> § (n)		difference
				compared with			compared with
				ALS-Slow			ALS-BM
London/Plasma	NfL levels at	ALS-Slow (30)	79.1 (59.6, 104.8)	-	ALS-BM (33)	73.8 (56.6, 96.3)	-
	baseline* (pg/mL)						
		ALS-Intermediate	99.0 (71.4, 137.2)	0.29			
		(22)			ALS-AM (34)	118.2 (91.0, 153.7)	0.01
		ALS-Fast (15)	122.0 (82.5, 180.3)	0.07			
	Change in NfL	ALS-Slow (30)	0.3 (-1.0, 1.6)	-	ALS-BM (33)	0.5 (-0.8, 1.8)	-
	levels during the		P†=0.68			P=0.46†	
	first 15 months of	ALS-Intermediate	1.3 (-0.4, 3.0) P†=0.13	0.35			
	F/U** (% change	(22)			ALS-AM (34)	0.6 (-0.8, 2.1)	0.89
	per month)	ALS-Fast (15)	-0.1 (-2.4, 2.2)	0.76		P=0.41†	
			P†=0.91				
Oxford/Serum	NfL levels at	ALS-Slow (21)	55.8 (41.1, 75.7)	-	ALS-BM (21)	56.6 (41.3, 77.6)	-
	baseline* (pg/mL)						
		ALS-Intermediate	92.7 (62.1, 138.4)	0.05			
		(12)			ALS-AM (22)	107.2 (78.8, 146.0)	0.004
		ALS-Fast (10)	125 (80.5, 194.2)	0.003			

	Change in NfL0	ALS-Slow (21)	-0.1 (-1.2, 1.1)	-	ALS-BM (21)	-0.1 (-1.3, 1.2)	-
	levels during the		P†=0.93			P=0.93†	
	first 15 months of	ALS-Intermediate	-0.7 (-2.3, 0.9) P†=0.39	0.51	1		
	F/U** (% change	(12)					
	per month)				ALS-AM (22)	0.5 (-1.0, 2.0)	0.59
		ALS-Fast (10)	4.6 (1.6, 7.7) P†=0.003	0.005	. ,	P=0.54†	
Oxford/CSF	NfL levels at	ALS-Slow (9)	2882 (2014, 4125)	-	ALS-BM (11)	2993 (2038, 4395)	-
	baseline* (pg/mL)						
		ALS-Intermediate	6294 (4326, 9156)	0.003	1		
		(8)			ALS-AM (11)	8024 (5936, 10846)	< 0.001
		ALS-Fast (7)	10917 (7164, 16634)	<0.001			
	Change in NfL	ALS-Slow (9)	1.3 (0.4, 2.1) P†=0.003	-	ALS-BM (11)	1.3 (0.3, 2.2)	-
	levels during the					P=0.007†	
	first 15 months of	ALS-Intermediate	-0.3 (-1.1, 0.4) P†=0.39	0.005	1		
	F/U** (% change	(8)					
	per month)	ALC E4 (7)	2.2 (0.9.5.0) <b>D</b> #=0.01	0.14	ALS-AM (11)	-0.1 (-0.9, 0.8)	0.04
		ALS-Fast (7)	3.3 (0.8, 5.9) P†=0.01	0.14		P=0.89†	
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<sup>§</sup>Exposure groups: categorised by progression rate at the last visit (PRL)

A: PRL<0.5 point/month: ALS-Slow, PRL 0.5-1.0 point/month: ALS-Intermediate, PRL>1.0 point/month: ALS-Fast

B: PRL with median cut-off. AM: above median; BM: below median.

Median PRL in London cohort: 0.54

Median PRL in Oxford cohort: 0.52

\*CI: Confidential Interval

\*The estimate presented is the geometric mean NfL level at baseline in each exposure group

The estimate presented is the percentage change in NfL per month in each exposure group

†P-value for the rate of change in NfL over time being different from 0 in the exposure group