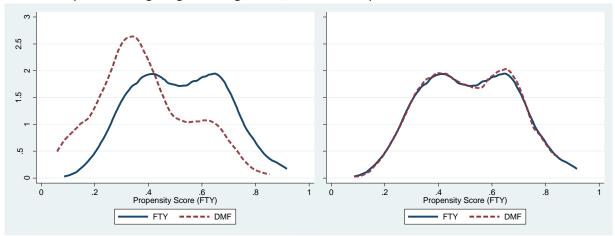
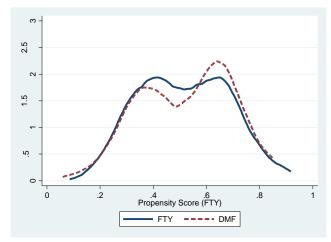
## **Supplemental Appendix**

**Figure S1.** Density plot of propensity scores (propensity of DMF) demonstrating overlap of propensity scores between DMF and FTY achieved through 2:1 matching with replacement and ATT doubly robust weighting. FTY: fingolimod, DMF: dimethyl fumarate.



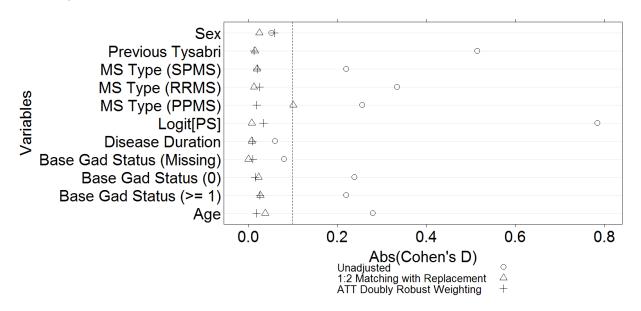
**Entire Cohort** 

2:1 Matching with Replacement



ATT Doubly Robust Weighting

**Figure S2**. Cohen's D values for effect sizes comparing baseline covariates between FTY and DMF for unadjusted, 1:2 propensity score matching and ATT doubly robust weighting. FTY: fingolimod, DMF: dimethyl fumarate.



## Relapsing-Remitting Multiple Sclerosis Only Cohort

**Table S1.** Baseline characteristics of RRMS\* only

	Fingo	limod	Dimethy	l fumarate		
	(N=271)		(N=	:265)		
	N or		N or			
	Mean	% or SD	Mean	% or SD	P-value	
Disease Duration (Years, SD)	10.4	6.3	9.9	6.6	0.101	
Age (Years, SD)	41.5	11.2	43.5	12.0	0.046	
Gender - Female	178	73.0%	192	72.5%	0.900	
Previous DMT**					<0.001	
Interferons	35	14.3%	39	14.7%		
Glatiramer acetate	46	18.9%	91	34.3%		
Natalizumab	97	39.8%	48	18.1%		
Rituximab	1	0.4%	5	1.9%		
Fingolimod	1	0.4%	0	0.0%		
Dimethyl fumarate	0	0.0%	17	6.4%		
None	61	25.0%	60	22.6%		
Other	3	1.2%	5	1.9%		
Mean time between Previous DMT and	1.05	1.22	0.76	1.31	< 0.001	
study drug (SD)	(N=183)		(N=205)			
Baseline MRI Available for Review					0.004	
Available	211	86.5%	249	94.0%		
Unavailable	33	13.5%	16	6.0%		
Contrast Enhancement on Baseline MRI	53	25.5%	37	15.9%	0.013	
	(N=208)		(N=233)			
Disease Burden on Baseline MRI					<0.001	
Mild	92	37.7%	140	52. 8%		
Moderate	70	28.7%	71	26.8%		
Severe	37	15.2%	16	6.0%		
Missing	45	18.4%	38	14.3%		

<sup>\*</sup> relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis

\*\* Within 6 months prior to starting study drug

**Table S2.** Unadjusted discontinuation outcomes for RRMS\* only

	Fingolimod (N=271)		Dimethyl fumarate (N=265)		
	N or Mean	% or SD	N or Mean	% or SD	P-value
Discontinued drug ≤24 months	79	32.4%	121	45.7%	0.002
Disease activity**	21	8.6%	25	9.4%	0.745
Adverse events	41	16.8%	62	23.4%	0.064
Insurance	1	0.4%	3	1.1%	0.625
Loss to follow up	13	5.3%	22	8.3%	0.221
Other	3	1.2%	9	3.4%	0.145
Mean time to discontinuation (Months)***	10.6	7.0	10.4	7.4	0.654

<sup>\*</sup>relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis

Table S3. Unadjusted efficacy outcomes for RRMS\* only

	Fingolimod (N=271)		Dimethyl fo (N=26			
	N or Mean	% or SD	N or Mean	% or SD	P-value	
Patients with a relapse during	23	9.4%	38	14.3%	0.088	
first 2 years of study drug						
MRI Available while on drug in	195	79.9%	207	78.1%	0.618	
first 2 years						
Mean number of	1.66	0.69	1.64	0.66	0.823	
available MRIs						
Patients with Contrast	25	12.8%	23	11.1%	0.597	
enhancement						
Patients with New T2	70	35.9%	70	33.8%	0.662	
lesions						
Composite Efficacy Measure*	87	35.7%	98	37.0%	0.756	

<sup>\*</sup>relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis

<sup>\*\*</sup>includes discontinuation of drug due to clinical relapse, MRI activity or disease progression

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>for those who discontinue

<sup>\*\*</sup>Patients who had a clinical relapse, contrast enhancement or a new T2 lesion on follow-up MRI

**Table S4**. Unadjusted & adjusted odds ratios for discontinuation for any reason at ≤24 months, discontinuation due to adverse events only and disease activity (DMF versus FTY), RRMS patients

			Discon	Efficacy				
		Due to Any Reason		Due to Adve	rse Events	Composite Measure**		
		Odds Ratio		Odds Ratio		Odds Ratio		
	N	(95% CI)	p-value	(95% CI)	p-value	(95% CI)	p-value	
Simple Logistic	F00	1.76	0.003	1.52	0.000	1.06	0.756	
Regression	509	(1.22, 2.52)	0.002	(0.97, 2.35)	0.066	(0.74, 1.52)	0.756	
Adjusted Logistic	509	2.01	<0.001	1.51	0.079	1.10	0.630	
Regression*	309	(1.36, 2.97)	<0.001	(0.95, 2.41)	0.079	(0.74, 1.63)	0.628	
Propensity Matching								
with 1:1 greedy	488	1.86	0.001	1.54	0.057	1.05	0.778	
matching without	400	(1.29, 2.69)	0.001	(0.99, 2.41)		(0.73, 1.53)	0.778	
replacement*								
<b>Propensity Matching</b>								
with 1:2 nearest	732	1.79	0.011	1.63	0.072	1.13	0.597	
neighbor matching	(431 unique)	(1.14, 2.80)	0.011	(0.96, 2.78)	0.072	(0.72, 1.78)	0.337	
with replacement*	aque,							
ATT Doubly Robust		1.86		1 42		1 17		
Weighting	509		0.002	<b>1.43</b> (0.89, 2.29)	0.145	<b>1.17</b> (0.80, 1.72)	0.424	
Estimator*		(1.25, 2.77)		(0.03, 2.29)		(0.60, 1.72)		

<sup>\*</sup>controlling for age, disease duration, previous natalizumab use, gender, and contrast enhancement on baseline MRI

<sup>\*\*</sup>includes clinical relapse, new T2 lesion on follow-up MRI, or contrast enhancement on follow-up MRI regardless of the event leading to discontinuation of drug

**Table S5.** Unadjusted discontinuation outcomes for fingolimod patients who began before and on/after April  $1^{st}$ , 2012

	Before Apri (N=18	-	On/After April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2012 (N=90)		
	N or Mean	% or SD	N or Mean	% or SD	P-value
Discontinued drug ≤24 months	57	31.5%	36	40.0%	0.164
Disease activity*	17	9.4%	10	11.1%	0.656
Adverse events	28	15.5%	18	20.0%	0.349
Insurance	1	0.6%	1	1.1%	0.613
Loss to follow up	9	5.0%	6	6.7%	0.566
Other	2	1.1%	1	1.1%	0.996
Mean time to discontinuation (Months)**	* 12.1 7.1 7.5 6.2		0.003		

<sup>\*</sup>includes discontinuation of drug due to clinical relapse, MRI activity or disease progression

<sup>\*\*</sup>for those who discontinue

Patients who initiated dimethyl fumarate in first half versus second half of observation period

**Table S6.** Unadjusted discontinuation outcomes for dimethyl fumarate patients before and on/after July  $1^{st}$ , 2013

	Before July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2013 (N=192)		On/after July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2013 (N=150)		
	N or Mean	% or SD	N or Mean	% or SD	P-value
Discontinued drug ≤24 months	91	47.4%	70	46.7%	0.893
Disease activity*	25	13.0%	13	8.7%	0.204
Adverse events	46	24.0%	36	24.0%	0.993
Insurance	2	1.0%	2	1.3%	0.803
Loss to follow up	13	6.8%	14	9.3%	0.383
Other	5	2.6%	5	3.3%	0.691
Mean time to discontinuation (Months)**	11.0	7.1	8.6	7.1	0.025

<sup>\*</sup>includes discontinuation of drug due to clinical relapse, MRI activity or disease progression

Table S7. Cohen's D values for FTY vs DMF before and after propensity matching

	Unadjusted	1:1 Greedy Matching	1:2 Matching with Replacement	1:1 Matching with Replacement	ATT Doubly Robust Weighting
Age	0.280	0.089	0.038	0.048	0.018
Disease Duration	0.060	0.094	0.008	0.075	0.009
MS Type (RRMS)	0.339	0.038	0.012	0.078	0.025
MS Type (SPMS)	0.221	0.013	0.020	0.041	0.020
MS Type (PPMS)	0.258	0.070	0.100	0.116	0.019
Previous Tysabri	0.531	0.417	0.015	0.015	0.012
Sex	0.052	0.017	0.024	0.067	0.058
Base Gad Status (0)	0.240	0.151	0.023	0.015	0.015
Base Gad Status (≥ 1)	0.221	0.143	0.027	0.018	0.026
Base Gad Status (Missing)	0.080	0.043	0.000	0.000	0.010

<sup>\*\*</sup>for those who discontinue