

**Table S1. Clinical and MRI outcomes from double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled trials of IFN $\beta$  therapies in patients with RRMS**

Reference	Population and study design	Interferon	Clinical outcomes				MRI outcomes <sup>a</sup>
			ARR	Median time to first relapse	Other	Progression of disability	
IFNB Multiple Sclerosis Study Group et al <sup>27,28</sup>  Goodin et al <sup>33</sup>	N = 372  Two pooled 5-y trials; 21-y follow-up survival analysis	IFN $\beta$ -1b	Placebo: 1.12 (95% CI, 1.02-1.23) 1.6 MIU: 0.96 (95% CI, 0.87-1.06) <sup>b</sup> 8 MIU: 0.78 (95% CI, 0.7-0.88)  • ~30% reduction in ARR with 8 MIU vs placebo during all 5 y, but $P < .05$ only during years 1-2	<u>Year 2</u> Placebo: 153 d 1.6 MIU: 180 d 8 MIU: 295 d <sup>d,e</sup>  <u>Year 3</u> Placebo: 147 d 1.6 MIU: 199 d 8 MIU: 264 d <sup>e</sup>	Reduction in 21-y all-cause mortality vs placebo:  50 $\mu$ g: 46.0% <sup>e</sup> 250 $\mu$ g: 46.8% <sup>e</sup>	No statistically significant difference between groups	Outcome: median change in lesion area  <u>Year 1</u> Placebo: $\uparrow$ 6.7% 1.6 MIU: $\uparrow$ 5.7% 8 MIU: $\downarrow$ 4.9% <sup>b</sup>  <u>Year 3</u> Placebo: $\uparrow$ 21.0% 1.6 MIU: $\uparrow$ 6.1% 8 MIU: $\downarrow$ 3.8% <sup>c</sup>  <u>Year 5</u> Placebo: $\uparrow$ 30.2% 1.6 MIU: $\uparrow$ 10.6% 8 MIU: $\uparrow$ 3.6% <sup>e</sup>
Jacobs et al <sup>29</sup>	MSCRG  N = 301  104 wk	IFN $\beta$ -1a IM	Placebo: 0.90 IFN $\beta$ -1a: 0.61 <sup>b</sup>	Placebo: 36.1 wk IFN $\beta$ -1a: 47.3 wk	Probability of sustained progression:  Placebo: 34.9% IFN $\beta$ -1a: 21.9%	Delayed time to sustained progression vs placebo ( $P = .02$ )	Outcome: median change in T2 lesion volume  <u>Year 1</u> Placebo: $\downarrow$ 3.3% IFN $\beta$ -1a: $\downarrow$ 13.1% <sup>d</sup>  <u>Year 2</u> Placebo: $\downarrow$ 6.5% IFN $\beta$ -1a: $\downarrow$ 13.2%

PRISMS Study Group <sup>3</sup>	PRISMS N = 560 2 y	IFNβ-1a SC	Mean relapses over 2 y:  Placebo: 2.56 22 µg: 1.82 <sup>b</sup> 44 µg: 1.73 <sup>b</sup>	Placebo: NR 22 µg: delayed 3 mo <sup>b</sup> 44 µg: delayed 5 mo <sup>b</sup>	Percentage reduction in relapses vs placebo:  22 µg: 27% (95% CI, 14%-39%) <sup>b</sup> 44 µg: 33% (95% CI, 21%-44%) <sup>b</sup>  • Significant reduction in severity of relapse vs placebo for both doses ( <i>P</i> < .005)		Number of T2 active lesions vs placebo:  22 mg: ↓67% <sup>c</sup> 44 mg: ↓78% <sup>c,f</sup>
Calabresi et al <sup>26</sup>  Arnold et al <sup>34</sup>	ADVANCE N = 1512  48-wk trial; 96-wk MRI follow-up	Peginterferon beta-1a	Placebo: 0.397 2-wk dosing: 0.256 <sup>c</sup> 4-wk dosing: 0.288 <sup>e</sup>	NR	Risk of relapse vs placebo (HR [95% CI]): 2-wk dosing: 0.61 (0.47-0.80) <sup>c</sup> 4-wk dosing: 0.74 (0.57-0.95) <sup>e</sup>	Risk of progression vs placebo (HR [95% CI]): 2-wk dosing: 0.62 (0.40-0.97) <sup>e</sup> 4-wk dosing: 0.62 (0.40-0.97) <sup>f</sup>	Change in T1 lesion formation vs delayed treatment <sup>g</sup> : 2-wk dosing: ↓58% <sup>c</sup> Every-4-wk dosing: ↓52% <sup>h</sup>  • Active lesion formation ↓65% with 2-wk dosing vs delayed treatment; ↓55% vs 4-wk dosing ( <i>P</i> < .001 for both) Outcome: mean change in T2 lesion volume Delayed treatment: ↑0.62 cm <sup>3</sup> 2-wk dosing: ↓0.23 cm <sup>3</sup> <sup>h,i</sup> 4-wk dosing: ↑0.36 cm <sup>3</sup>

Note: See main text for full reference information.

Abbreviations: ARR, annualized relapse rate; HR, hazard ratio; IFN, interferon; IM, intramuscular; MIU, million international units; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; MSCRG, Multiple Sclerosis Collaborative Research Group; NR, not reported; PRISMS, Prevention of Relapses and Disability by Interferon beta-1a Subcutaneously in Multiple Sclerosis; RRMS, relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis; SC, subcutaneous.

<sup>a</sup>Increase and decrease in MRI outcomes indicated by ↑ and ↓, respectively.

<sup>b</sup> $P < .01$  vs placebo.

<sup>c</sup> $P < .001$  vs placebo.

<sup>d</sup> $P < .05$  vs 1.6 MIU.

<sup>e</sup> $P < .05$  vs placebo.

<sup>f</sup> $P < .001$  vs 22 μg.

<sup>g</sup>Placebo in year 1, followed by peginterferon beta-1a every 2 weeks or every 4 weeks in year 2.

<sup>h</sup> $P < .001$  vs delayed treatment.

<sup>i</sup> $P < .05$  vs every-4-weeks dosing.