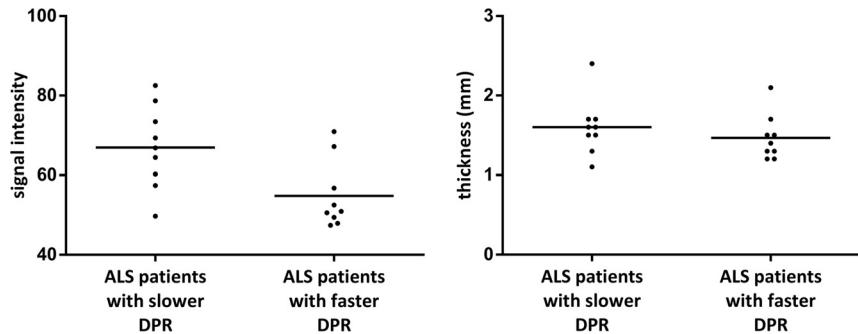


**ON-LINE FIG 1.** Scatterplot of UMN scores in correctly diagnosed and misdiagnosed patients with ALS derived from readers 1 (A) and 2 (B). Cortical thickness (C) and signal intensity (D) in the deeper layers of the M1 in patients with ALS and HS.



**ON-LINE FIG 2.** Signal intensity and cortical thickness of the deeper layers of the M1 in patients with slower and faster disease progression rate.

**On-line Table 1: Clinical and demographic data of patients with ALS**

Patient No.	Sex	Family History	Onset	Age at Onset (yr)	Age at MRI (yr)	ALSFRS-R at DD (mo)	Time of MRI (0–48)	UMN Score at Time of MRI (0–33)	Bulbar UMN Score (0–1)	UMN Score of Right Upper Limb (0–8)	UMN Score of Left Upper Limb (0–8)	UMN Score of Right Lower Limb (0–8)	UMN Score of Left Lower Limb (0–8)	DPR	
1	M	Negative	Lower limbs	63	63	18	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.39	
2	F	Negative	Lower limbs	62	65	8	41	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.88
3	M	Negative	Lower limbs	65	68	44	35	8	0	3	3	1	1	1	0.30
4	M	Negative	Lower limbs	67	68	12	42	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0.50
5	M	Negative	Lower limbs	48	49	16	43	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.31
6	M	Negative	Lower limbs	65	67	18	35	19	0	3	2	7	7	7	0.72
7	M	Negative	Lower limbs	41	42	8	42	15	0	0	3	5	7	7	0.75
8	F	Positive	Lower limbs	55	57	26	36	24	0	6	6	6	6	6	0.46
9	F	Negative	Upper limbs	62	62	10	33	25	1	6	6	6	6	6	1.50
10	M	Negative	Upper limbs	66	66	10	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.70
11	M	Negative	Upper limbs	46	47	16	23	23	0	4	4	8	7	7	1.56
12	F	Negative	Upper limbs	63	69	46	38	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0.22
13	M	Negative	Lower limbs	67	69	31	41	10	0	3	3	3	2	2	0.23
14	M	Negative	Upper limbs	84	84	5	41	25	1	7	7	5	5	5	1.40
15	M	Negative	Upper limbs	48	49	17	43	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0.29
16	M	Negative	Lower limbs	56	57	14	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.36
17	M	Negative	Upper limbs	62	62	10	45	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.30
18	M	Negative	Upper limbs	65	65	5	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.60
19	F	Negative	Lower limbs	58	58	12	40	5	0	1	0	2	2	2	0.67
20	M	Negative	Upper limbs	52	53	15	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.13
21	M	Negative	Lower limbs	69	70	8	38	24	0	6	6	7	5	5	1.25
22	M	Negative	Lower limbs	54	55	13	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.31

Note:—DD indicates disease duration.

**On-line Table 2: Scale for clinical evaluation of upper motor neuron impairment<sup>a</sup>**

Scale
Bulbar
Pseudobulbar affect (0 = absent; 1 = present)
Upper limbs
Spasticity (0–2) <sup>b</sup>
Triceps reflex (0–2) <sup>c</sup>
Biceps reflex (0–2) <sup>c</sup>
Brachioradialis reflex (0–2) <sup>c</sup>
Lower limbs
Spasticity (0–2) <sup>b</sup>
Patellar reflex (0–2) <sup>c</sup>
Ankle reflex (0–2) <sup>c</sup>
Clonus (0–1) <sup>d</sup>
Babinski sign (0–1) <sup>d</sup>
Maximum overall range 0–33

<sup>a</sup> To obtain a parametric scale of UMN involvement, a composite score of upper motor neuron “burden” was calculated, by totalling the number of pathologic UMN signs on examination.<sup>8,22</sup> The scale considers, bilaterally, biceps, triceps, brachioradialis, patellar and ankle reflexes, extensor plantar responses, clonus presence, pseudobulbar signs, and spasticity (assessed by a scoring based on the Ashworth spasticity scale<sup>21</sup>).

<sup>b</sup> Spasticity scoring: Ashworth 1 = 0; Ashworth 2–3 = 1; Ashworth 4–5 = 2.

<sup>c</sup> Reflex scoring: normal or absent = 0; slightly pathologically brisk = 1; retained reflex in a weak or wasted limb = 1; polykinetic = 2.

<sup>d</sup> Clonus and Babinski sign: 0 = absent; 1 = present.

**On-line Table 3: Summary of the results: UMN score and DPR in correctly diagnosed and misdiagnosed patients with ALS<sup>a</sup>**

	Correctly Diagnosed Patients	Misdiagnosed Patients	P Value <sup>b</sup>
UMN score			
First reader	13 ± 10 (0–25)	1 ± 1 (0–2)	.003
Second reader	14 ± 10 (0–25)	4 ± 8 (0–24)	.028
DPR			
First reader	0.85 ± 0.48 (0.23–1.56)	0.33 ± 0.20 (0.13–0.70)	.019
Second reader	0.87 ± 0.49 (0.30–1.56)	0.48 ± 0.38 (0.13–1.25)	.066

<sup>a</sup> Results are reported as mean value ± SD (range).

<sup>b</sup> Mann-Whitney *U* test.

**On-line Table 4: Cortical thickness and signal intensity of deep layers of M1 in patients with ALS and healthy subjects<sup>a</sup>**

	Patients with ALS	Healthy Subjects	P Value <sup>b</sup>
Cortical thickness (mm)	1.5 ± 0.3 (1.1–2.4)	2.0 ± 0.4 (1.6–2.8)	<.001
Signal intensity	60.9 ± 11.1 (47.4–82.5)	64.8 ± 6.0 (55.1–76.7)	.262

<sup>a</sup> Results are reported as mean value ± SD (range).

<sup>b</sup> Mann-Whitney *U* test.

**On-line Table 5: Correlations of morphometric parameters with clinical scores<sup>a</sup>**

	UMN Score	DPR	ALSFRS-R
Cortical thickness (mm)	$r = -0.59$ , <i>P</i> value < .001	$r = -0.47$ , <i>P</i> value = .051	$r = 0.49$ , <i>P</i> value = .039
Signal intensity	$r = -0.47$ , <i>P</i> value < .001	$r = -0.60$ , <i>P</i> value = .009	$r = 0.45$ , <i>P</i> value = .061

<sup>a</sup> Spearman correlation.

**On-line Table 6: Distribution of morphometric parameters among subgroups of patients with slower and faster DPR<sup>a</sup>**

	Patients with Slower DPR	Patients with Faster DPR	P Value <sup>b</sup>
Cortical thickness (mm)	1.6 ± 0.3 (1.1–2.4)	1.5 ± 0.3 (1.2–2.1)	.285
Signal intensity	67.0 ± 10.4 (49.7–82.5)	54.9 ± 8.6 (47.4–70.9)	.024

<sup>a</sup> Results are reported as mean value ± SD (range).

<sup>b</sup> Mann-Whitney *U* test.