

Course

----- Relapsing-remitting -----

Secondary progression

Clinical threshold

Brain volume

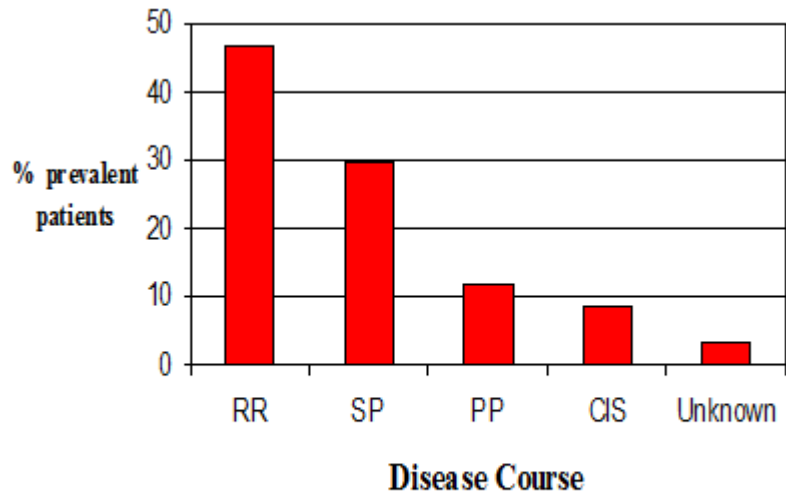
Inflammation

Axonal Loss

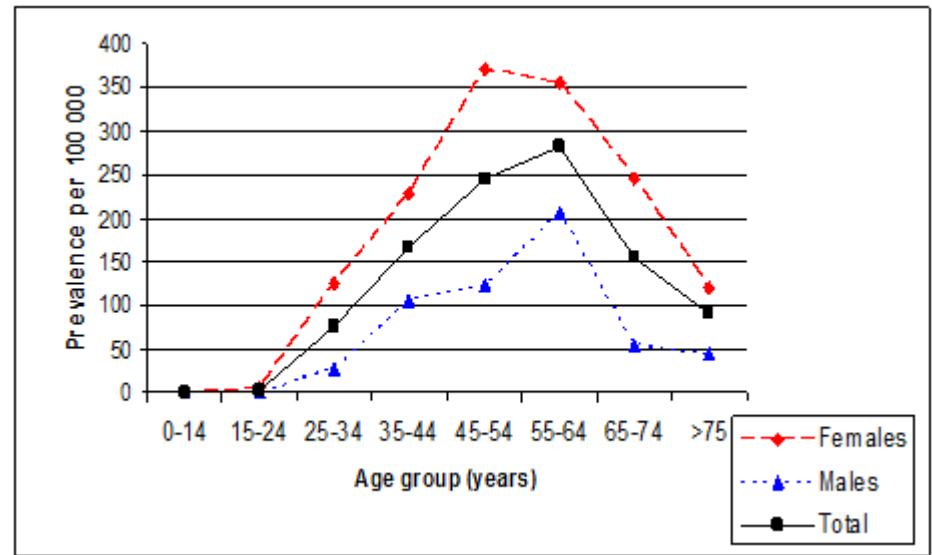
Frequent inflammation
Demyelination
Axonal transection
Plasticity and remyelination

Continuing inflammation
Persistent demyelination

Infrequent inflammation
Chronic axonal degeneration
Gliosis



RR=relapsing remitting, SP=secondary progressive, PP=primary progressive, CIS=clinically isolated syndrome



	Population (thousands)	Incidence (/10 ⁵ /year)	Incident cases	Prevalence (/10 ⁵)	Prevalent cases
UK	62 262.3	9.64	6003	203.4	126 669
England	52 233.9	9.08	4745	199.9	104 451
Wales	3006.3	7.92	238	168.0	5052
Scotland	5222.3	15.29	798	255.2	13 328
Northern Ireland	1799.8	12.25	221	213.2	383

Table 3 Crude and age-adjusted risks for first degree, half-siblings and adopted relatives

Proband Relative	Female			Male			Total		
	n (affected)	Crude risk (%)	Age-adjusted risk (%) (95% CI)	n (affected)	Crude risk (%)	Age-adjusted risk (%) (95% CI)	n (affected)	Crude risk (%)	Age-adjusted risk (%) (95% CI)
Monozygotic							78 (12)	15.38	17.26 (8.38–26.14)
Dizygotic							237 (4)	1.69	1.92 (0.00–0.38)
Child							43 078 (526)	1.22	2.03 (1.86–2.20)
Daughter	14 206 (251)	1.77	2.96 (2.60–3.32)	6737 (107)	1.59	2.57 (2.09–3.05)	20 943 (358)	1.71	2.83 (2.54–3.12)
Son	15 003 (99)	0.66	1.12 (0.90–1.34)	7132 (69)	0.97	1.55 (1.12–1.91)	22 135 (168)	0.76	1.26 (1.07–1.45)
Sibling							28 531 (652)	2.29	2.55 (2.09–3.01)
Sister	9537 (288)	3.02	3.36 (2.98–3.74)	4379 (136)	3.11	3.43 (2.86–4.00)	13 916 (424)	3.05	3.38 (3.16–3.60)
Brother	10 038 (136)	1.35	1.52 (1.13–1.78)	4577 (92)	2.01	2.23 (1.77–2.69)	14 615 (228)	1.56	1.74 (1.51–1.97)
Maternal half-sibling							4359 (62)	1.42	1.68 (1.26–2.10)
Sister	1382 (29)	2.10	2.40 (1.26–2.94)	681 (13)	1.91	2.14 (0.96–3.32)	2063 (42)	2.04	2.46 (1.72–3.20)
Brother	1569 (12)	0.76	0.95 (0.52–1.49)	727 (8)	1.10	1.31 (0.41–2.21)	2296 (20)	0.87	1.51 (0.96–2.06)
Paternal half-sibling							4117 (44)	1.07	1.40 (0.99–1.81)
Sister	1400 (16)	1.14	1.54 (0.79–2.29)	647 (10)	1.55	2.01 (0.78–3.24)	2047 (26)	1.27	1.69 (0.99–1.81)
Brother	1468 (10)	0.68	0.92 (0.35–1.49)	662 (8)	1.21	1.55 (0.05–2.62)	2130 (18)	0.85	1.12 (0.60–1.64)
Adopted child							497 (2)	0.4	0.67 (0.00–1.58)
Adopted sibling							65 (1)	1.54	1.76 (0.00–5.18)
Adoption							562 (3)	0.53	0.84 (0.00–1.79)

The age adjusted risks were calculated using Strömngren's unmodified method. The confidence intervals were estimated using the binomial distribution with the sum of the weights as the total sample size.

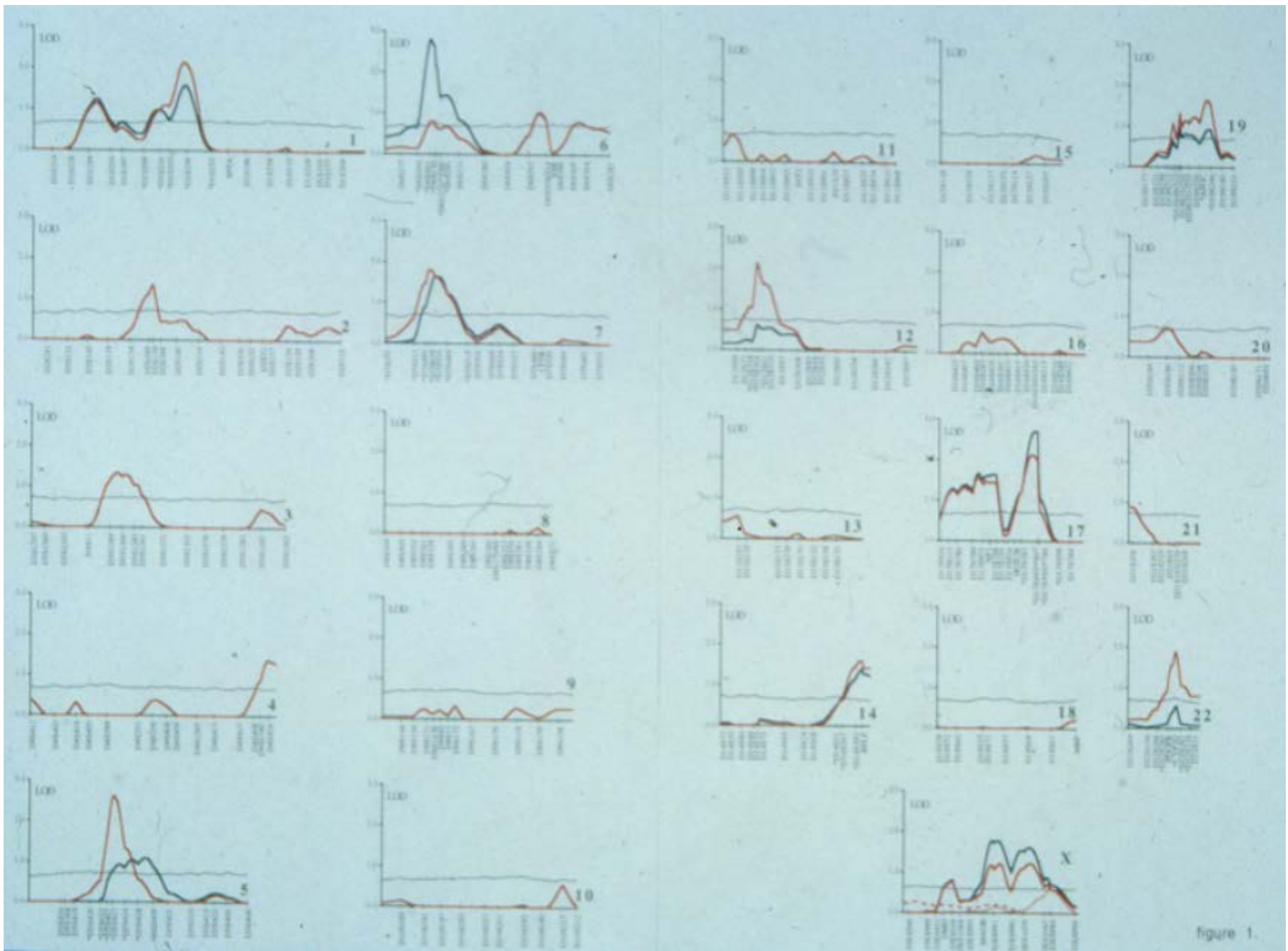
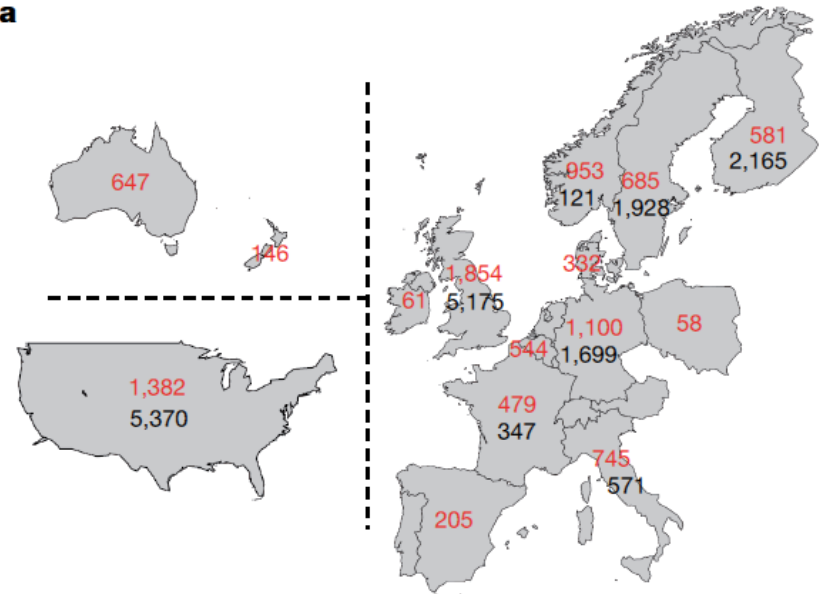


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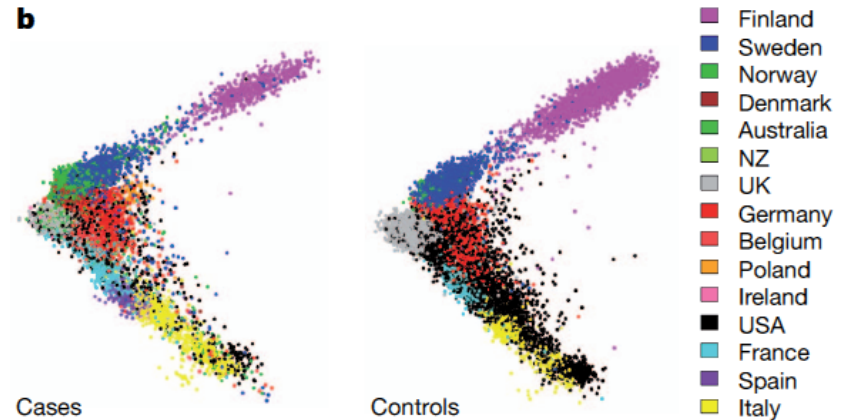
Genetic risk and a primary role for cell-mediated immune mechanisms in multiple sclerosis

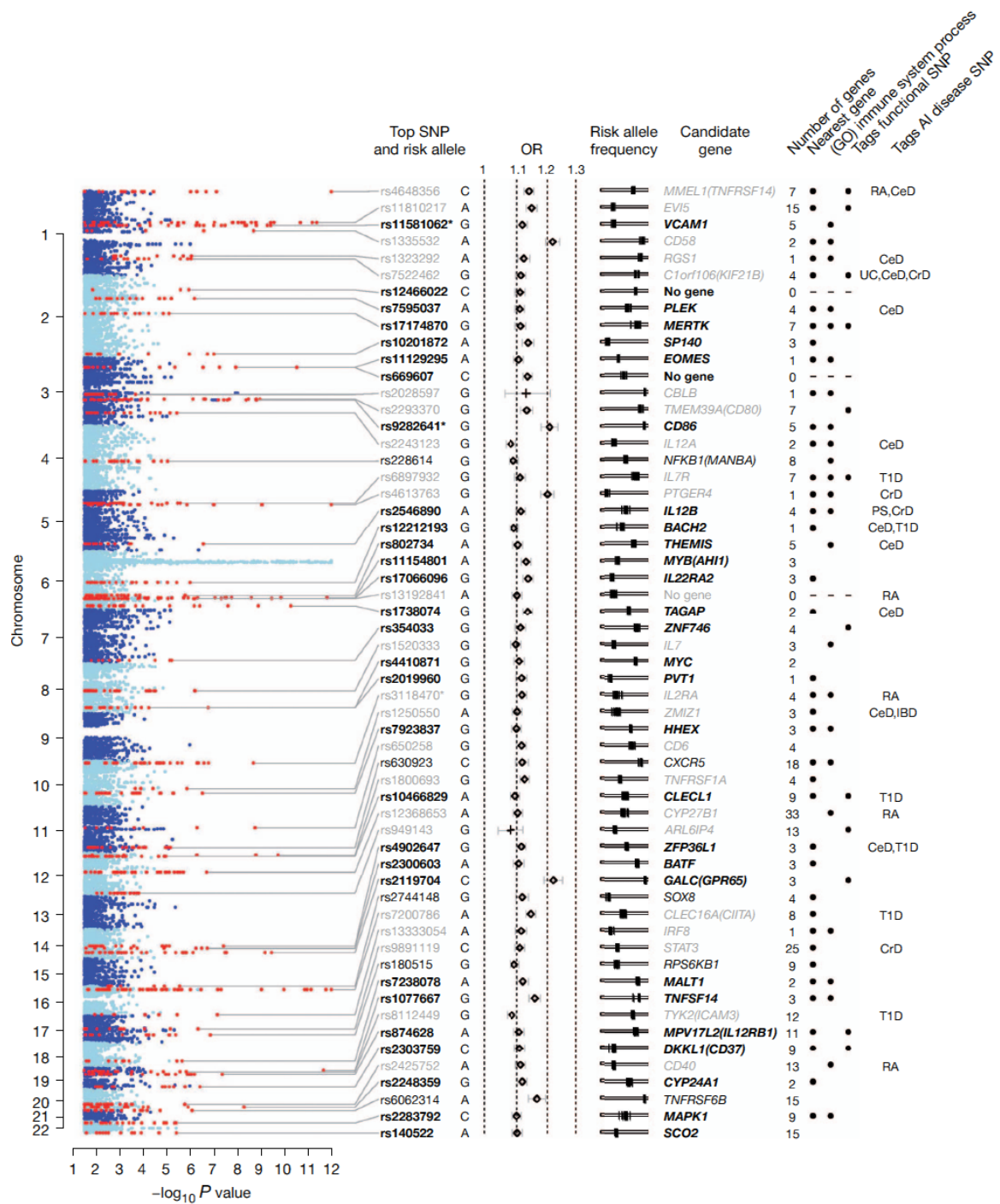
The International Multiple Sclerosis Genetics Consortium* & the Wellcome Trust Case Control Consortium 2*

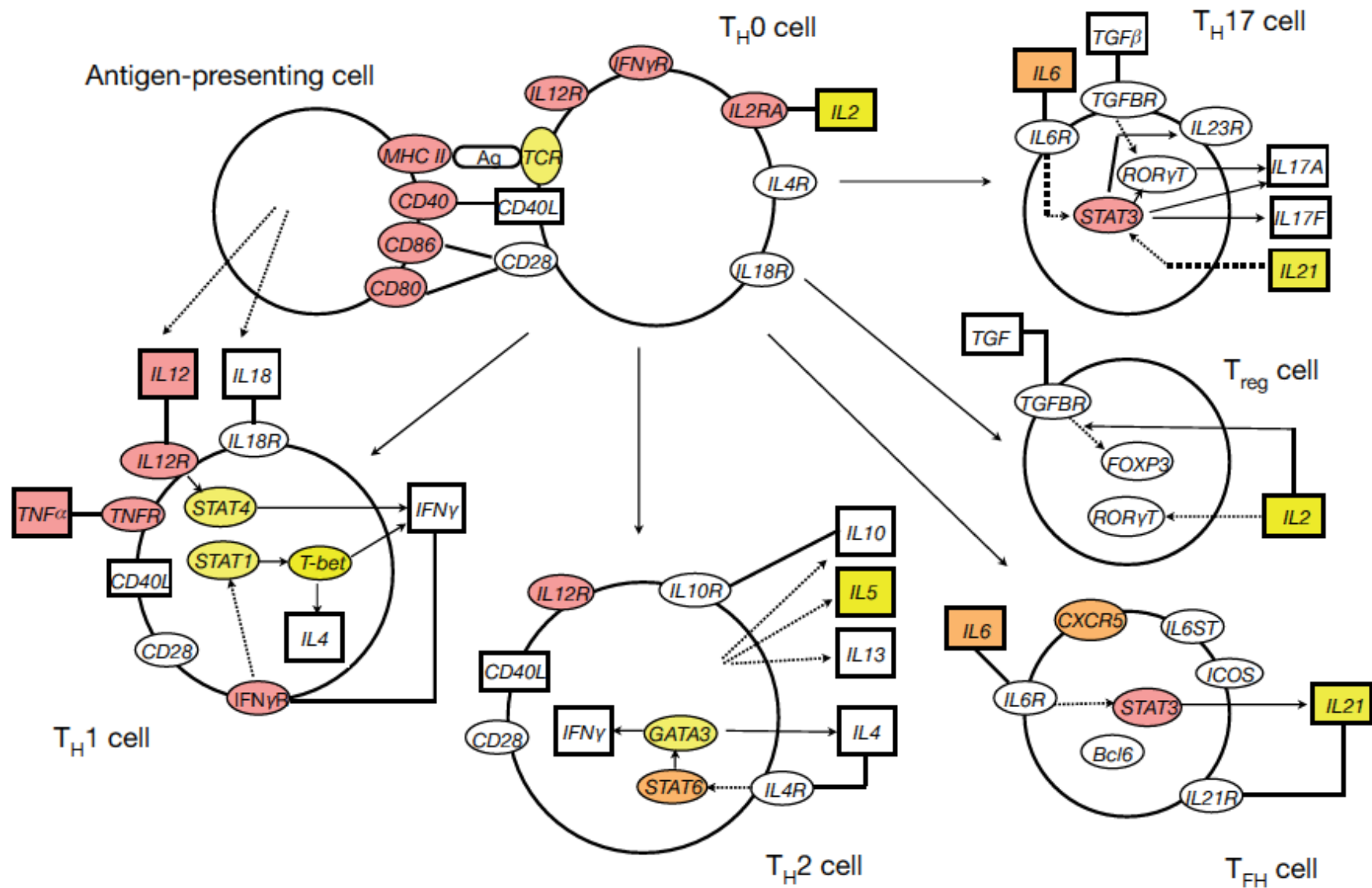
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World Sunlight levels

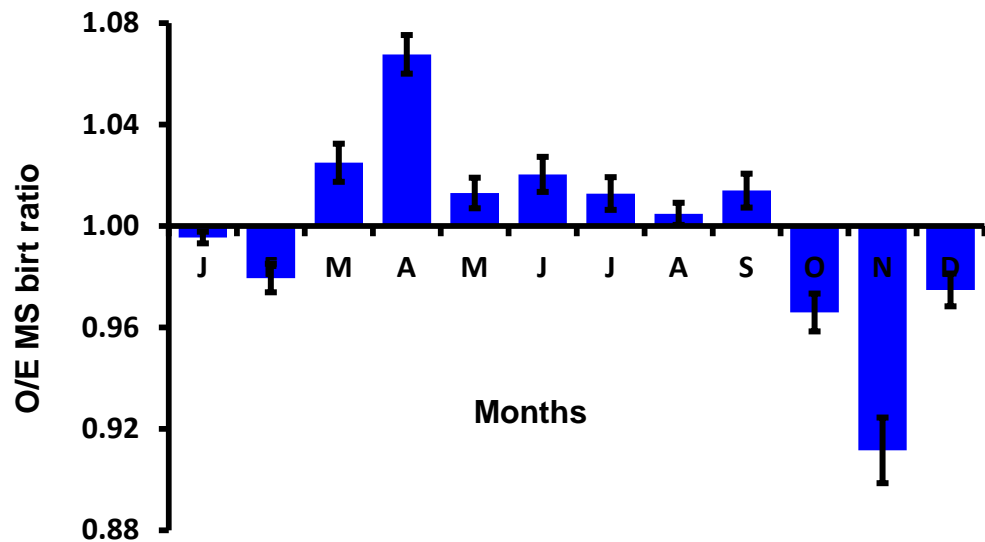
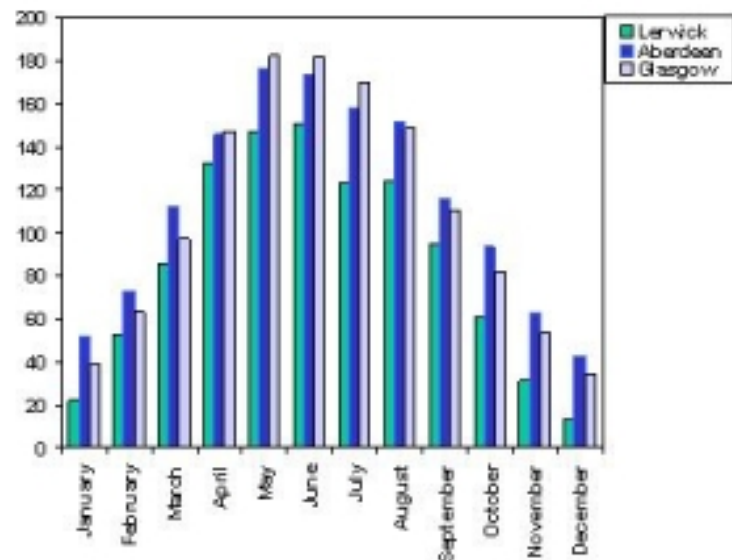
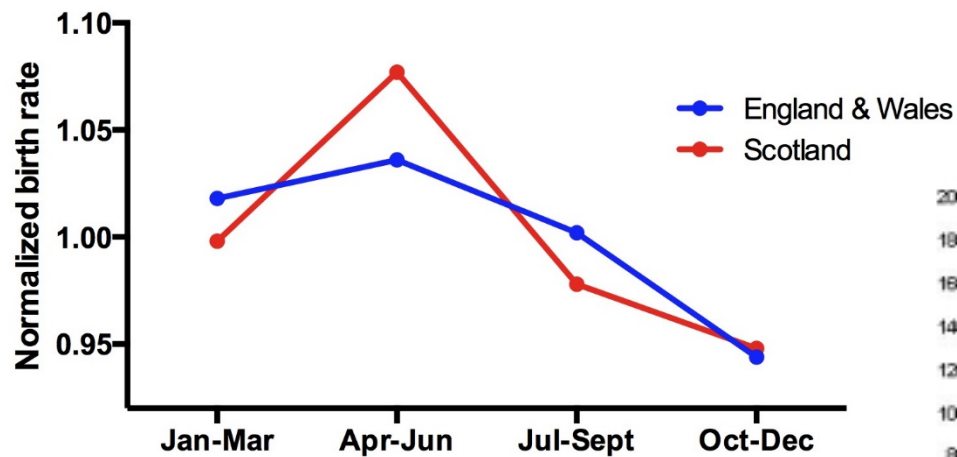


Vitamin D and MS

- **Vitamin D deficiency and susceptibility to MS** Prospective studies have shown that vitamin D deficiency prior to MS onset predisposes individuals to increased risk of MS (Munger et al., 2004; 2006); geography and sunlight
- **Vitamin D levels and disease activity in RRMS** For every 10ng/mL increase in baseline vitamin D level there was a 34% decrease in rate of subsequent relapse (Mowry et al., 2010).
- **Vitamin D supplementation and disease activity in RRMS**
- **Vitamin D as an immunomodulator**

PreVANZ study

- 240 patients with CIS and MRI lesions
- 12 months FU to new lesions or new episode
- 4 groups – 0, 1000, 5000, 10000 iu Vit D3/day
- Current recruitment 61



Epidemics of MS^{AD}

Iceland

1945

Faroos

1943

1955

1967

1986

Orkneys & Shetland

1943

Sardinia

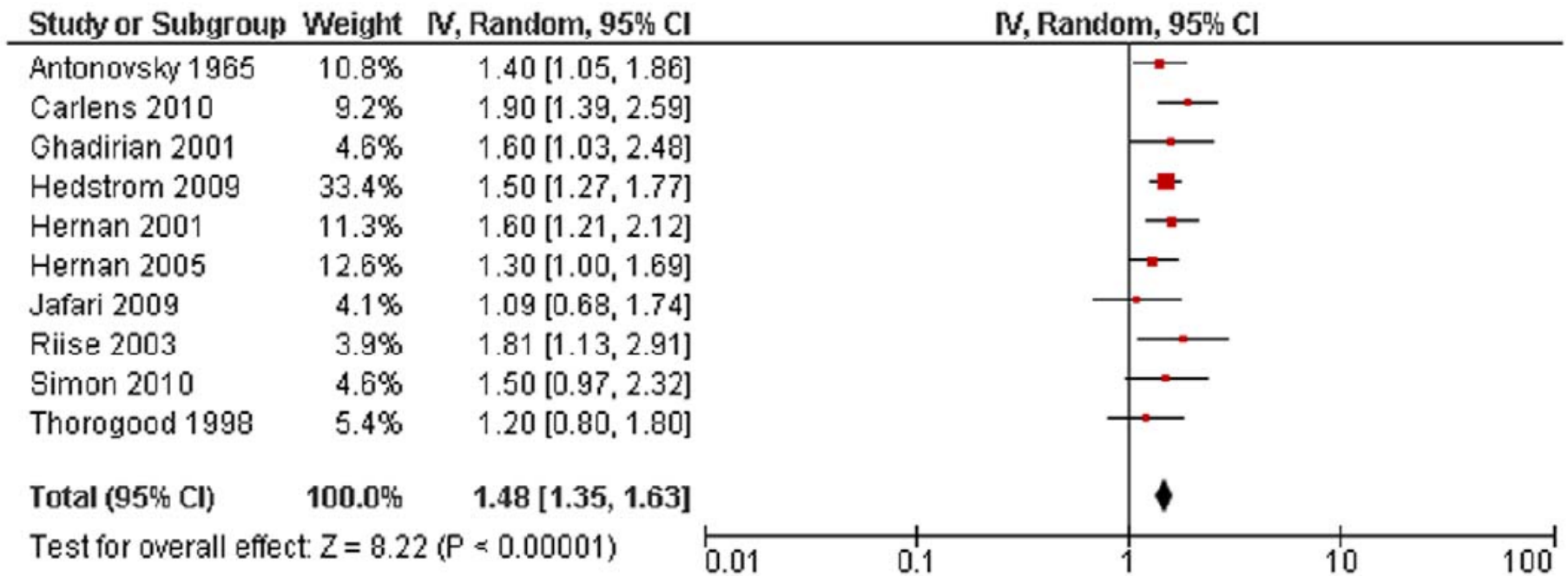
1952



Summary of the evidence

1. Virtually all subjects with MS (>99%) are infected with EBV compared to only ~90% of control subjects.
2. MS is very rare in subjects who are not infected with EBV.
3. People with MS have an increased tendency to spontaneous in-vitro lymphocyte transformation in clinically active multiple sclerosis.
4. People who have had symptomatic EBV infection or glandular fever have a higher risk of developing MS compared to people who have not had glandular fever.
5. People with higher levels of antibodies to EBV have a higher risk of developing MS compared to subjects with low antibody levels.
6. A unusual cluster of MS in children attending a school in rural Denmark occurred shortly after an outbreak of glandular fever.
7. Oligoclonal antibodies in the spinal fluid of subjects with MS recognise EBV antigens.
8. Autoimmune T cells in the circulation of subjects with MS, which are capable of orchestrating an attack on myelin producing cells also recognise EBV.
9. Subjects with MS have a higher number of CD8+-T-cells cells that recognise EBV than controls subjects (proliferation and tetramer).
10. During an MS relapse there is preliminary evidence that EBV is actively replicating compared to subjects with stable MS.
11. Anti-CD20 therapy may work by suppressing peripheral EBV replication.

Smoking and MS





Objectives

- 1) Understand impact of MS from patient perspective
to provide indicators that can be used to improve services and treatments for people with MS.
- 2) Improve outcome measurement
with application to improving clinical trial methodology.
- 3) Develop method to forecast future impact of MS
with application to treatment-targeting.
- 4) Facilitate other research
e.g. health economics, physiotherapist-led research; genetic markers.



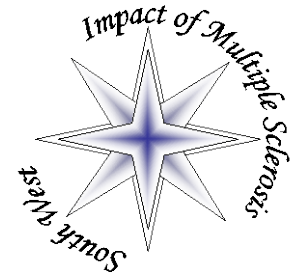
MS Questionnaire Booklet



Current Contents		Baseline	6-monthly	12-monthly
Date of first symptom(s)		✓		
Date of first visit to GP		✓		
Date of diagnosis		✓		
Type of MS		✓		✓
Investigations		✓	✓	
MS relapses		✓	✓	
Symptoms		✓	✓	
Service use		✓	✓	
Medications		✓		✓
Perceived deterioration of MS			✓	
Patient-Determined Disease Steps		✓	✓	
Patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs)		After baseline participants are randomly allocated either version A or B , and receive alternate booklets every six months.		
A	MS Impact Scale (MSIS-29) version 2	✓		✓
	MS Walking Scale (MSWS-12) version 2	✓		✓
	Fatigue Severity Scale (FSS)	✓		✓
	General Health Questionnaire (GHQ-30)	✓		✓
	EuroQol (EQ-5D)	✓		✓
B	Functional Assessment of MS (FAMS)	✓		✓
	MS Neuropsychological Screening Questionnaire (MSNQ)	✓		✓
	Postal Barthel Index (PBI)	✓		✓
	Short-Form Medical Outcomes Survey (SF-36) version 2	✓		✓

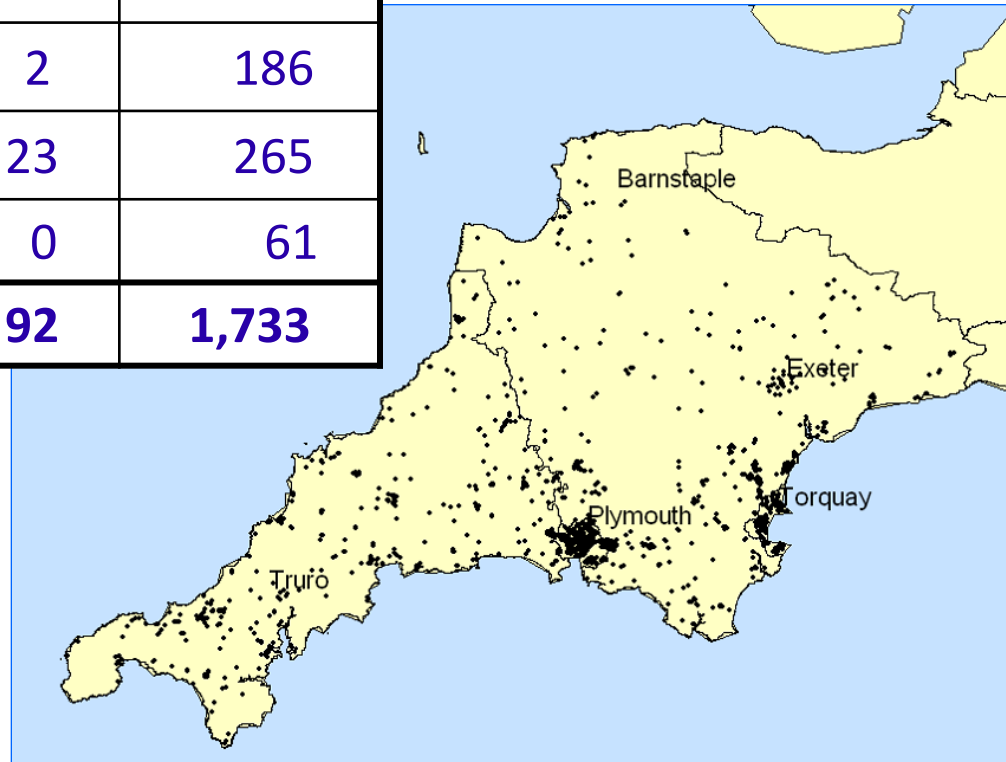
Recruitment

Aug 2004 to Aug 2015 inclusive



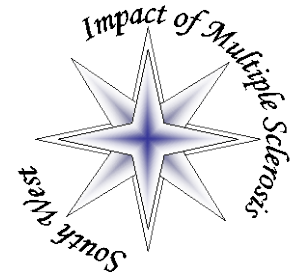
Centre	Number recruited		Total
	MS#	CIS	
01 Plymouth	859	48	907
02 Torbay	295	19	314
03 Exeter + N Devon	184	2	186
04 Cornwall	242	23	265
05 N Devon	61	0	61
TOTAL	1,641	92	1,733

Response rate for Plymouth:
 MS = 75%
 CIS = 88%



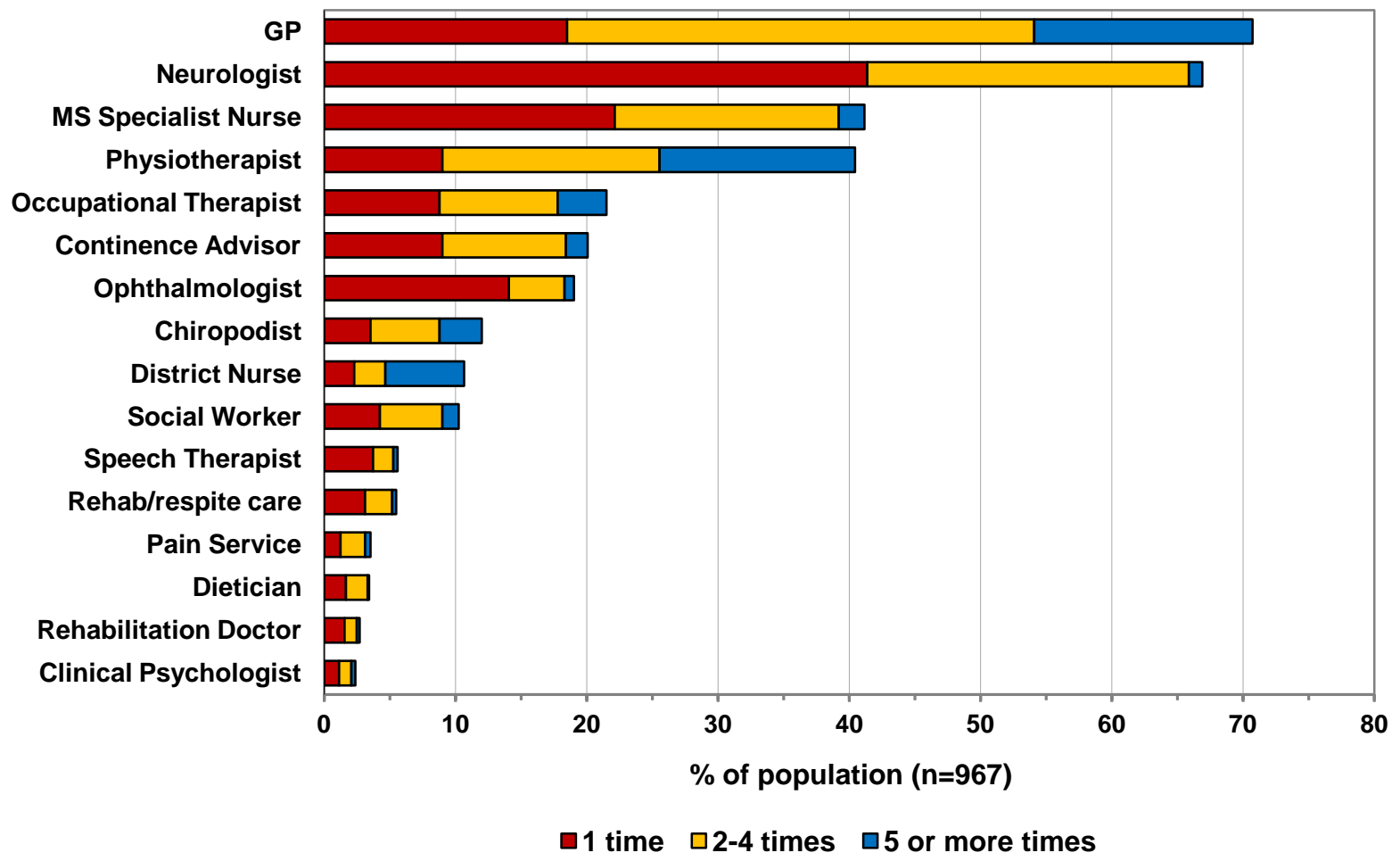
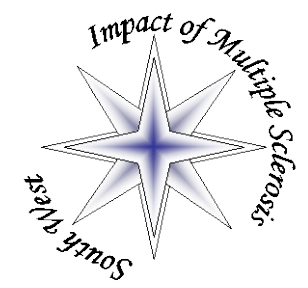
includes 20 participants with CIS at entry to SWIMS

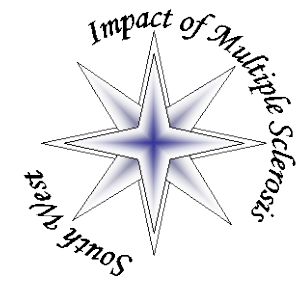
Relapses in last 12 months.



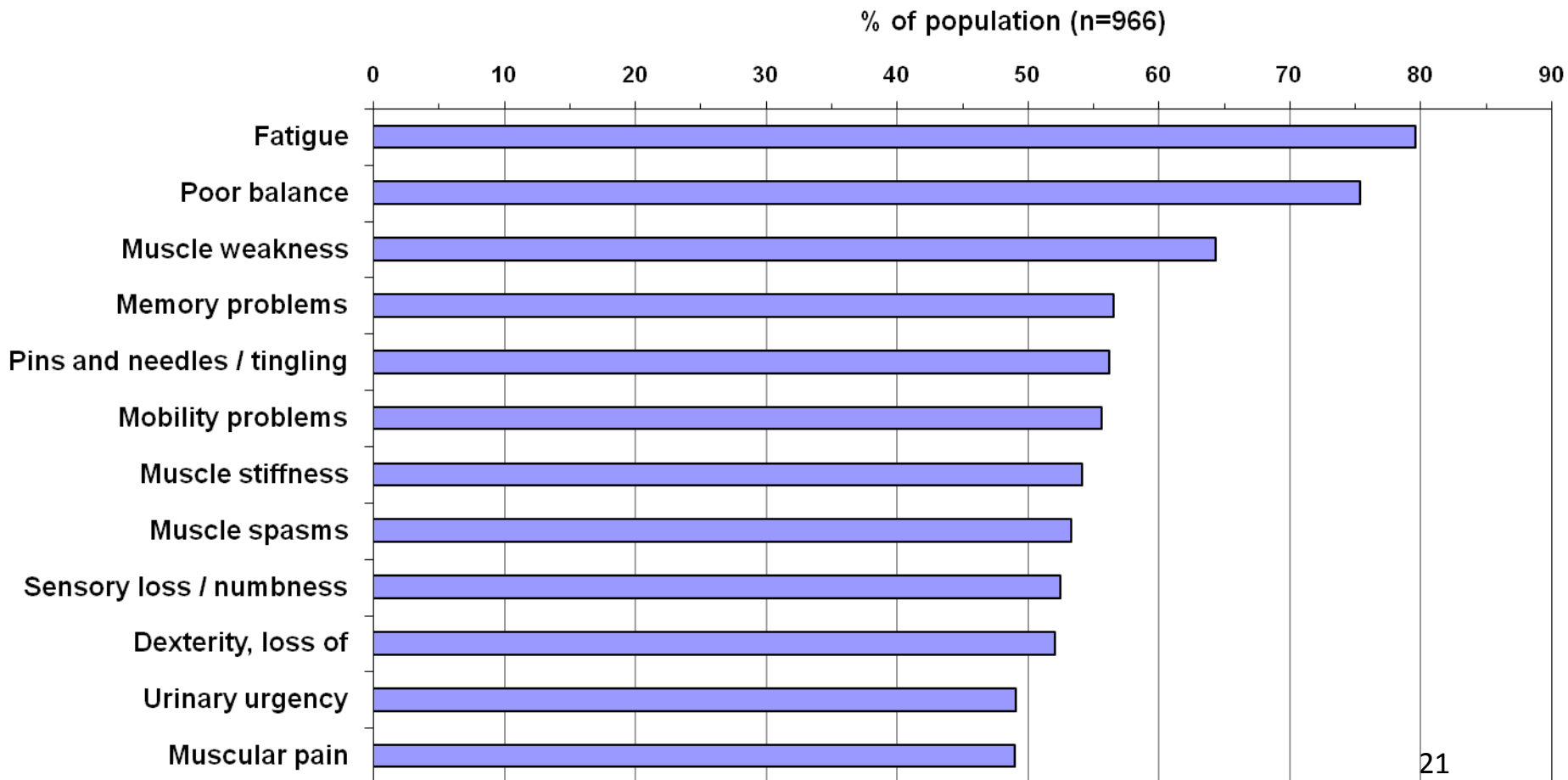
Impact of relapse (n=835)	yes	%
Admitted to hospital	93	11.1
Treated with oral steroids	130	15.6
Treated with iv steroids	112	13.4
Limited everyday activities other than employment	633	75.8
Time off work	201	24.1

How many times in last 12 months have you visited the following people for your MS?

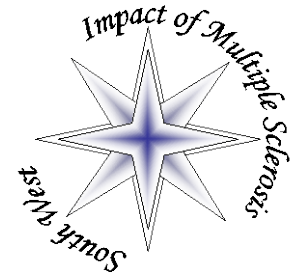




Symptoms experienced at baseline? (12 most commonly reported)



Medications taken for MS at baseline or during previous 12 months



Disease-modifying therapies (DMT)

- Of 967 participants, 18.1% were currently, or had previously taken, a DMT.
 - Within the relapsing-remitting group, 31% were currently receiving, or previously received, a DMT.
 - The commonest DMTs in use were one of the forms of beta-interferon, and glatiramer acetate.

Fatigue

- Although 80% of the 967 participants experienced fatigue, only 3 people were taking amantadine or modafinil and were without fatigue.
- Fifty people taking amantadine or modafinil continued to have fatigue.



Facilitate other research

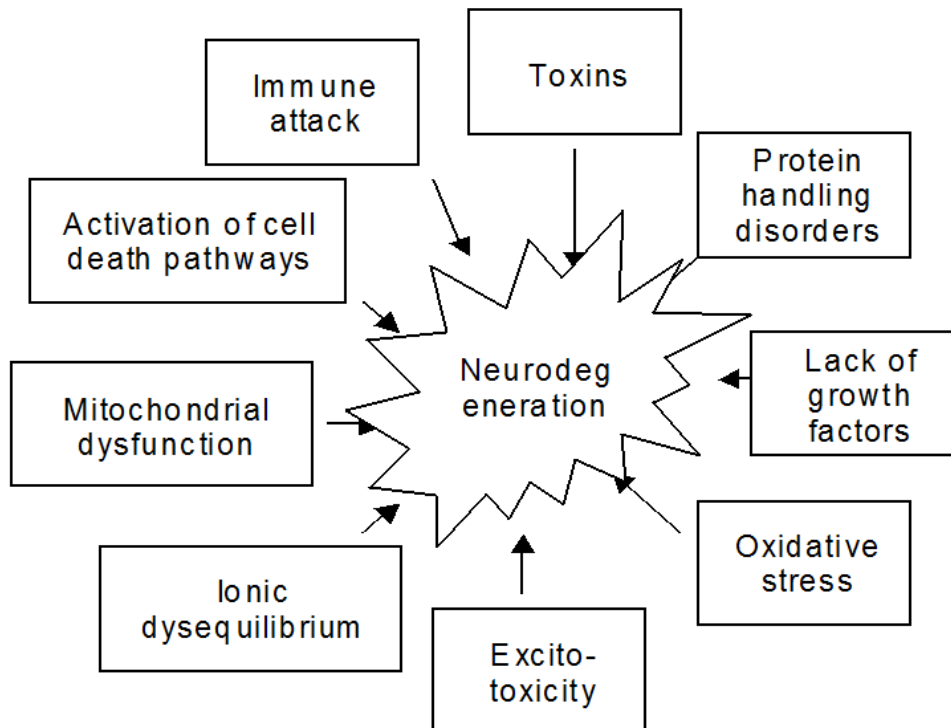
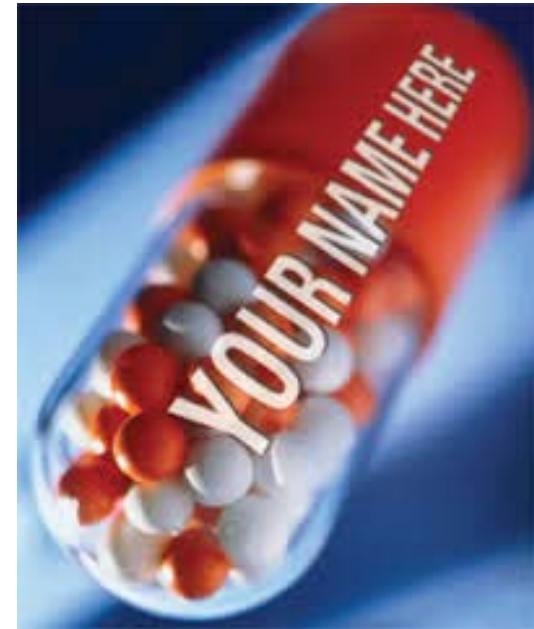
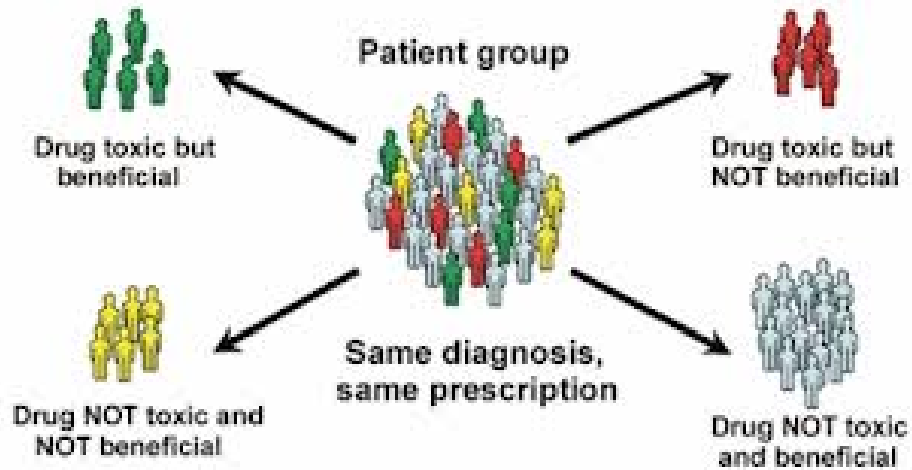
- Health economics
Prof Colin Green, University of Exeter Medical School
- Physiotherapist-led
Dr Jonathan Marsden, School of Health Professionals, UoP
Jenny Freeman, School of Health Professions, UoP
- Genetics
Prof DAS Compston, University of Cambridge
- Date of birth study
Prof Jackie Palace, University of Oxford



ENTERING HILLSVILLE

FOUNDED	1802
ALTITUDE	620
POPULATION	3,700
TOTAL	6,122

Dana Faden



Opportunities in Scotland

- Population Registers (e.g. SMSR, SWIMS), CHI.
- Clinical Trials – MS (incl. vit D, EBV)
- Data Linkage – Farr Institute
- Collaborations – (e.g. Future MS)
- Research as part of everyday clinical practice

Issues with Registers

- Length of FU compared to length of disease
- Bias from incomplete ascertainment
- Effort collecting information may not be used
- Loss of inertia, drop-out
- Why?



James Lind Alliance

1. Which treatments are effective to slow, stop or reverse the accumulation of disability associated with MS?
2. How can MS be prevented?
3. Which treatments are effective for fatigue in people with MS?
4. How can people with MS be best supported to self-manage their condition?
5. Does early treatment with aggressive disease modifying drugs improve the prognosis for people with MS?
6. Is Vitamin D supplementation an effective disease modifying treatment for MS?
7. Which treatments are effective to improve mobility for people with MS?
8. Which treatments are effective to improve cognition in people with MS?
9. Which treatments are effective for pain in people with MS?
10. Is physiotherapy effective in reducing disability in people with MS?

