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# New Targets in the Acute and Preventive Treatment of Migraine

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- D-Pharm
- MSD
- Paion
- Yamaguchi
- Wyeth
- Solvay
- CoLucid
- Allergan
- Addex

# Treating the Acute Migraine Attack

## Established

- Triptans
  - tablets
  - melt tablets
  - nasal spray
  - suppositories
  - s.c. injection

## Established

- Simple analgesics
- Combination analgesics
- Ergotamine
- (DHE)
- Antiemetics

# War of the Triptans

- **Sumatriptan** (Imigran<sup>®</sup> GlaxoSmithKline)
- **Zolmitriptan** (AscoTop<sup>®</sup> AstraZeneca)
- **Naratriptan** (Naramig<sup>®</sup> Glaxo/Schwarz)
- **Rizatriptan** (Maxalt<sup>®</sup> MSD)
- **Eletriptan** (Relpax<sup>®</sup> Pfizer)
- **Almotriptan** (Almogran<sup>®</sup> Allmiral, Bayer)
- **Frovatriptan** (Elan, Berlin Chemie)

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- Avitriptan
  - Alniditan

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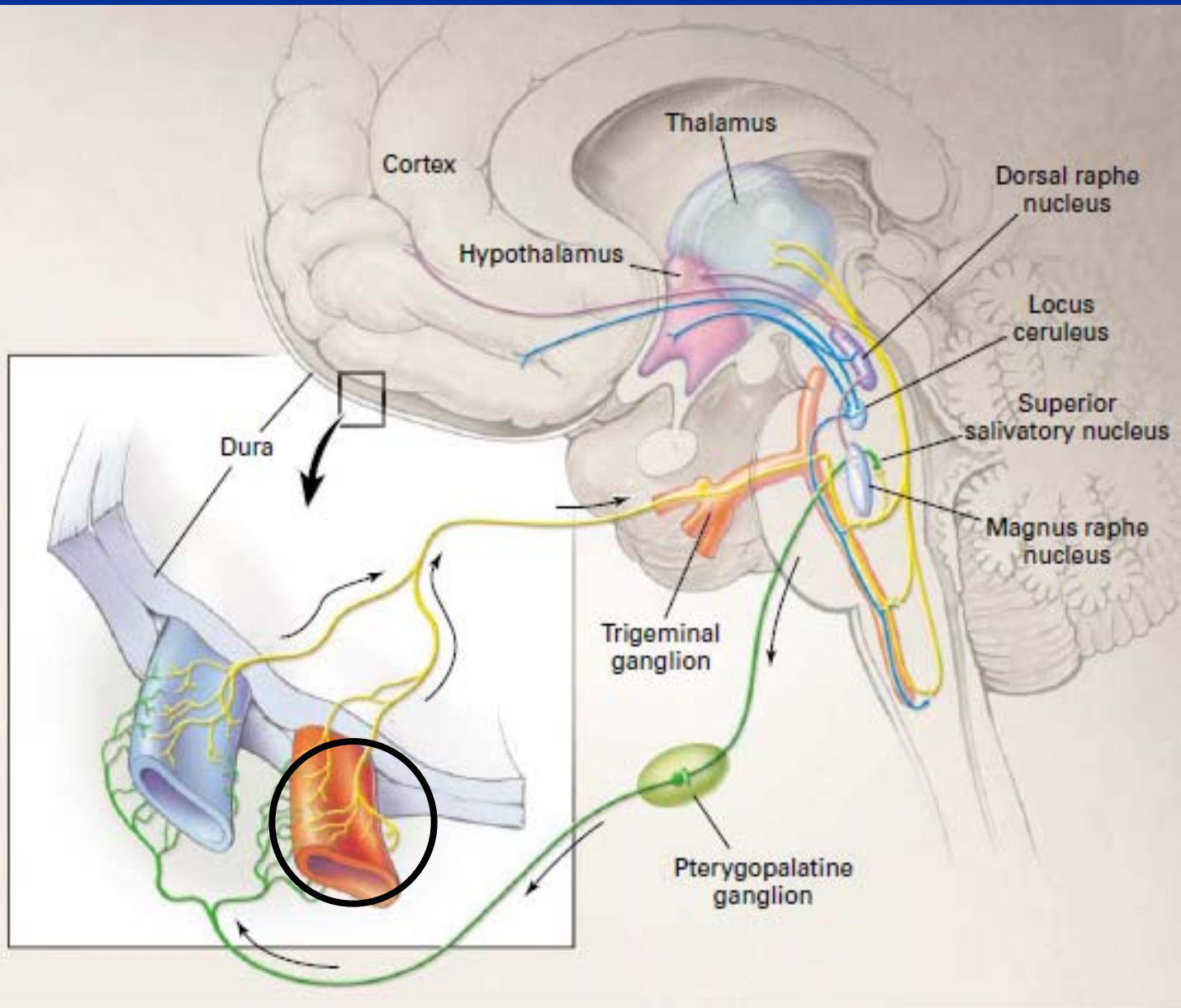
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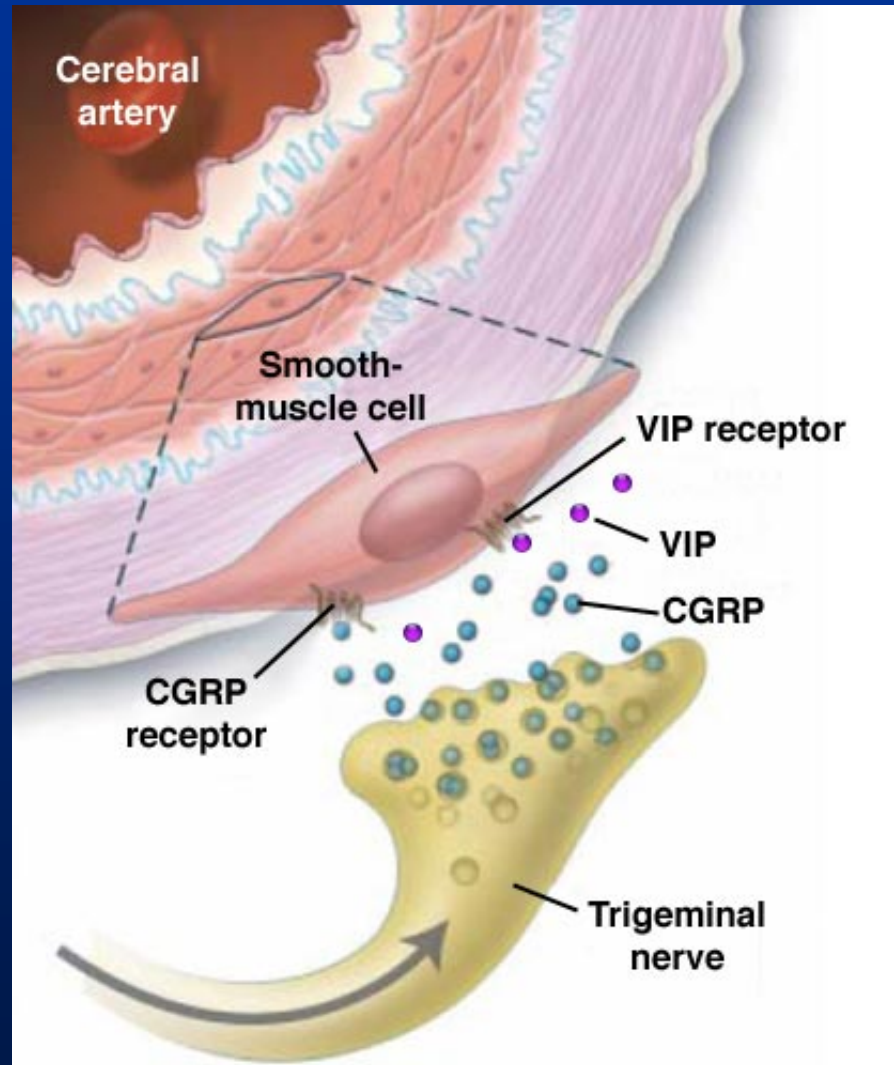
# CGRP-antagonists

- CGRP is a potent vasodilator
- CGRP levels are increased during migraine attacks
- Triptans lead to a decrease in CGRP levels in venous blood
- CGRP receptors are on cell bodies of the trigeminal ganglion





# Vasodilation of Cerebral Vessels



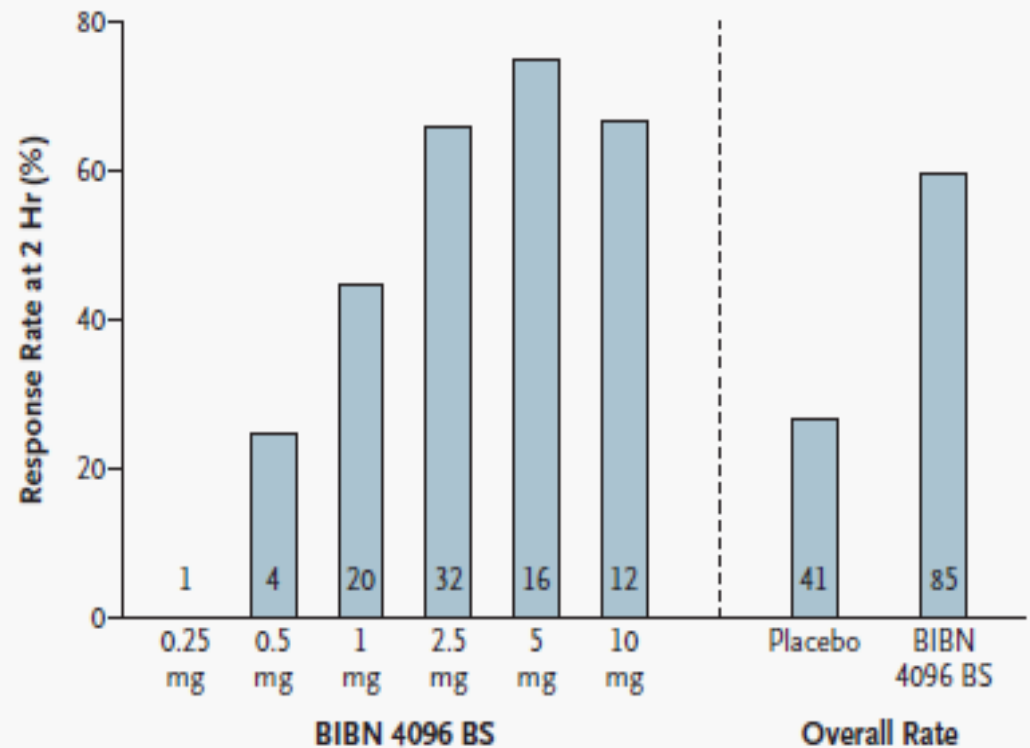
# CGRP Antagonists in the Treatment of Acute Migraine Attacks

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide Receptor Antagonist BIBN 4096 BS for the Acute Treatment of Migraine

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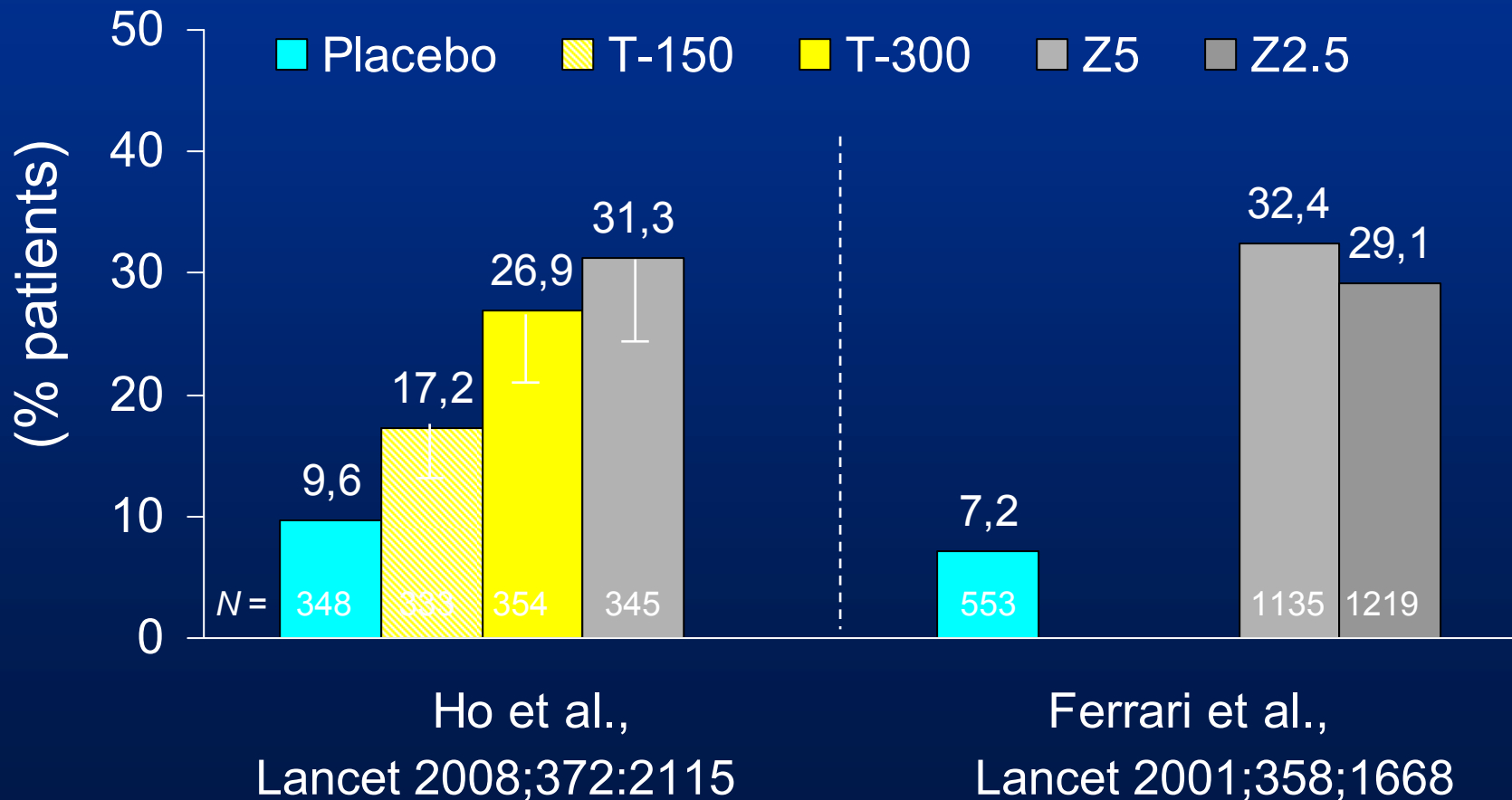
# MK-0974 (Telcagepant) for the Treatment of Acute Migraine Attacks

Randomized controlled trial of an oral CGRP receptor antagonist, MK-0974, in acute treatment of migraine

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# CGRP receptor antagonist telcagepant is effective in the treatment of acute migraine

- Double-blind parallel group randomised controlled trial
- 2 Hour pain free



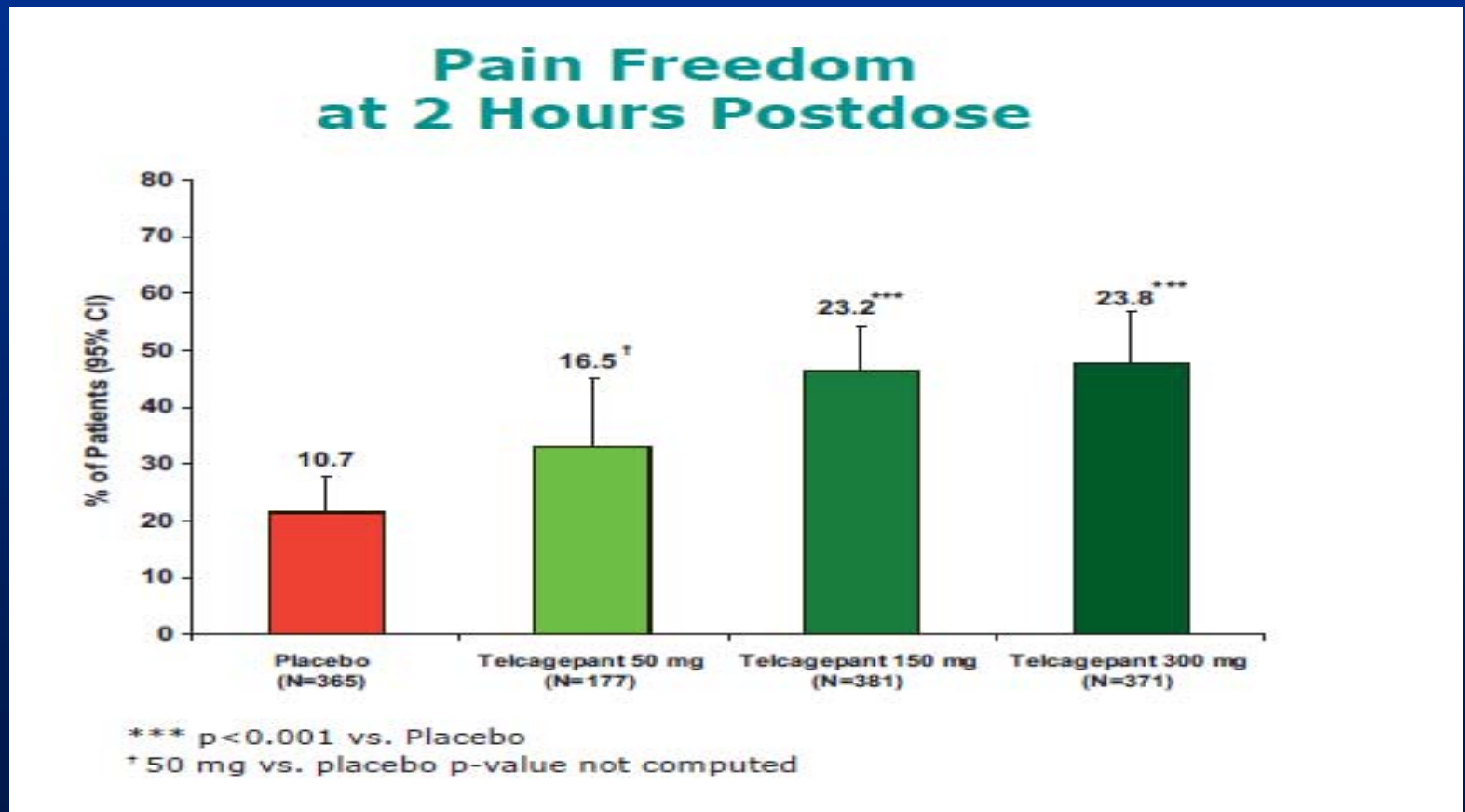
# Efficacy and Safety of telcagepant (MK-0974), a Novel Oral CGRP Receptor Antagonist, for Acute Migraine Attacks

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<sup>3</sup>University of Essen, Essen, Germany, <sup>4</sup>University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA, USA

- 1294 patients treated
- 50, 150 and 300 mg telcagepant or placebo
- Randomization 1:2:2:2
- Primary endpoint:
  - Pain free
  - Pain free
  - Improvement of nausea, photo- phonophobia

# MK-0974 for the Treatment of Acute Migraine Attacks



# MK-0974 for the Treatment of Acute Migraine Attacks

- Advantages of CGRP antagonists:
  - No vasoconstrictive properties
  - Treatment in patients with contraindications for triptans
  - Adverse event profile like placebo
- Yet unknown
  - Efficacy in combination with triptans?



# Telcagepant

Merck announced in April 2009 that the Company would not file a New Drug Application for telcagepant with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2009 based on findings from a Phase IIa exploratory study in which a small number of patients taking telcagepant twice daily for three months for the prevention of migraine were found to have marked elevations in liver transaminases. The daily dosing regimen in the prevention study was different than the dosing regimen used in Phase III studies in which telcagepant was intermittently administered in one or two doses to treat individual migraine attacks as they occurred.

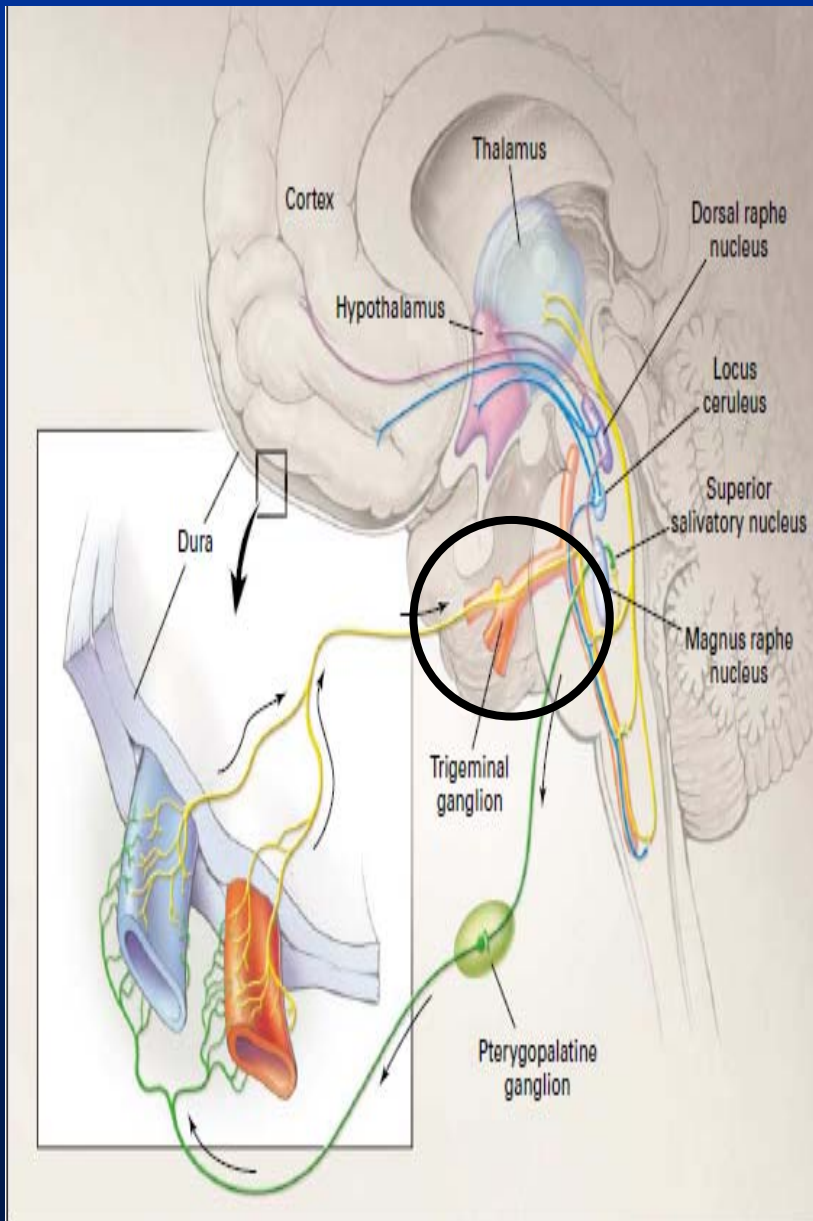
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Vanilloid receptors  
on C- or A delta  
fibres

Trigeminal and  
dorsal root ganglia

Co-localized with  
CGRP receptors in  
the trigeminal  
ganglion



# TRPV1-Antagonists

- ~ 40 different compounds developed for the treatment of pain
- As to now all trials reported negative results
- SB705498 investigated in migraine (2007)
- Results not reported

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# EP4 receptor antagonist

- Prostaglandin E receptor 4 antagonists show anti-hyperalgesic effects in animal models of inflammatory pain
- BGC20-1531 under investigation for the treatment of migraine attacks

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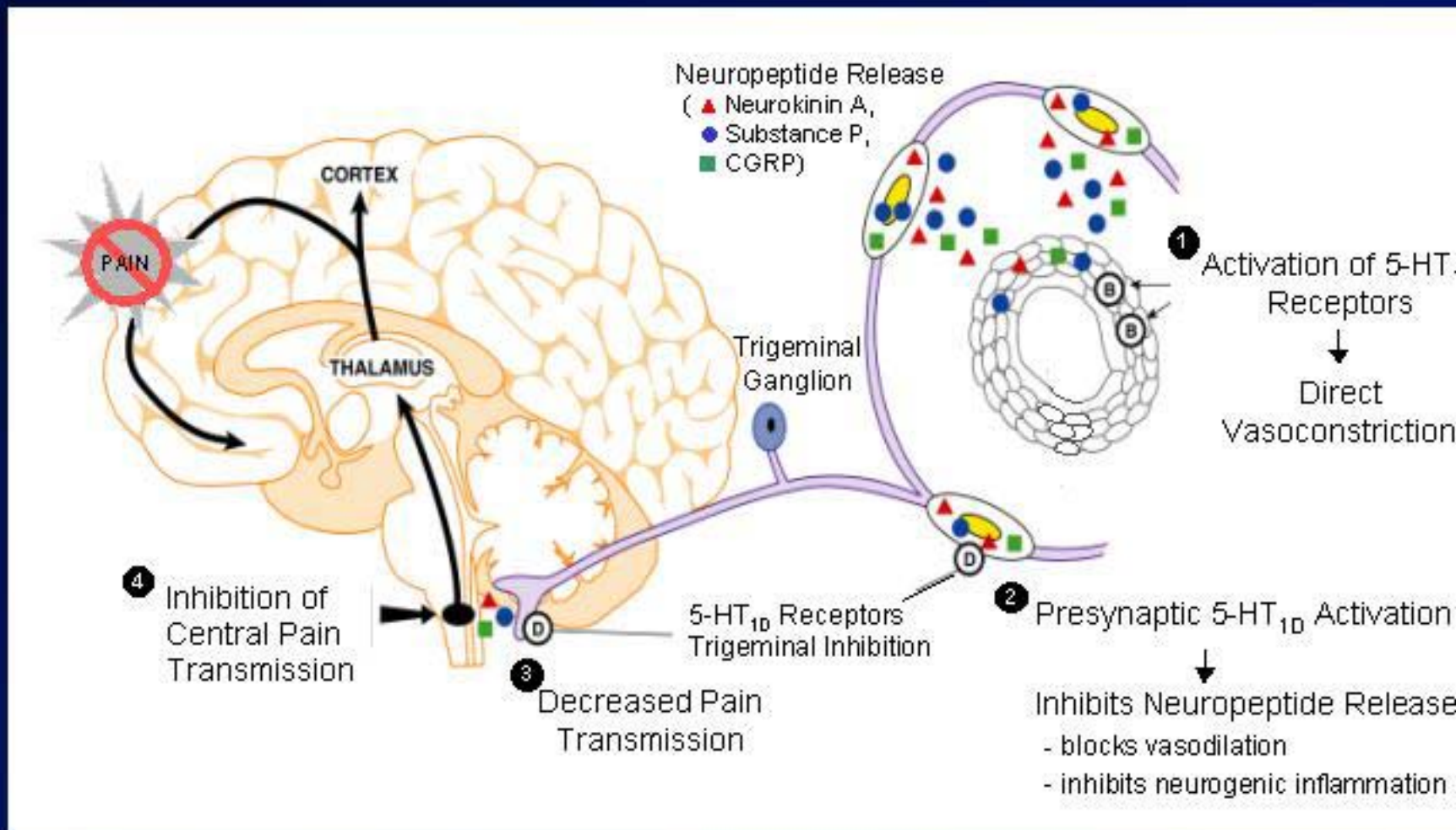
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# 5-HT-1F Agonist

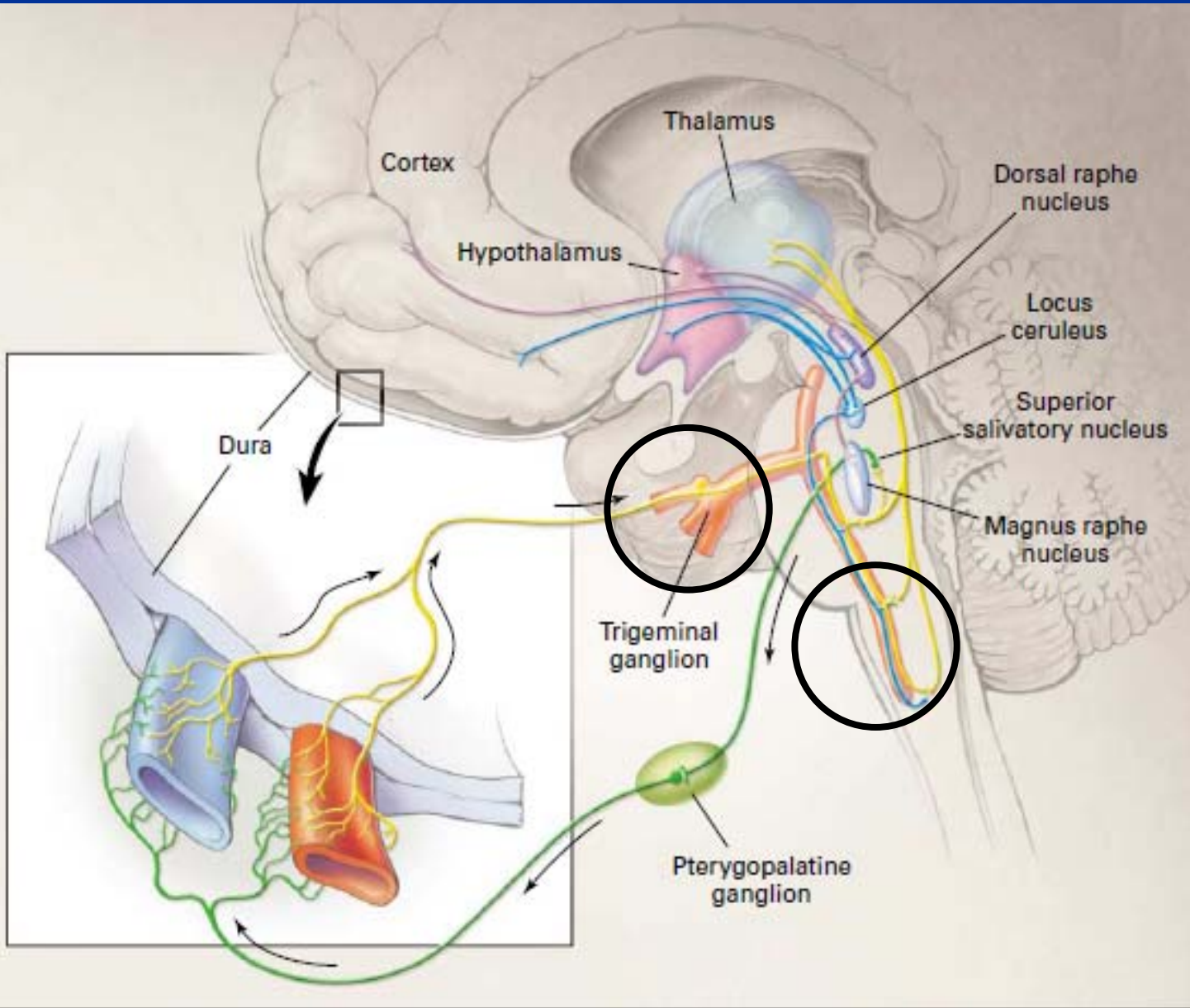
- All triptans are agonists at the 5-HT 1B 1D and 1F receptor
- 5-HT-1F receptors in the trigeminal nucleus and trigeminal ganglion
- Activation of 1F receptors has no vascular effects



# Acute Anti-migraine Targets



(Adapted from Hargreaves, Shephard 1999)



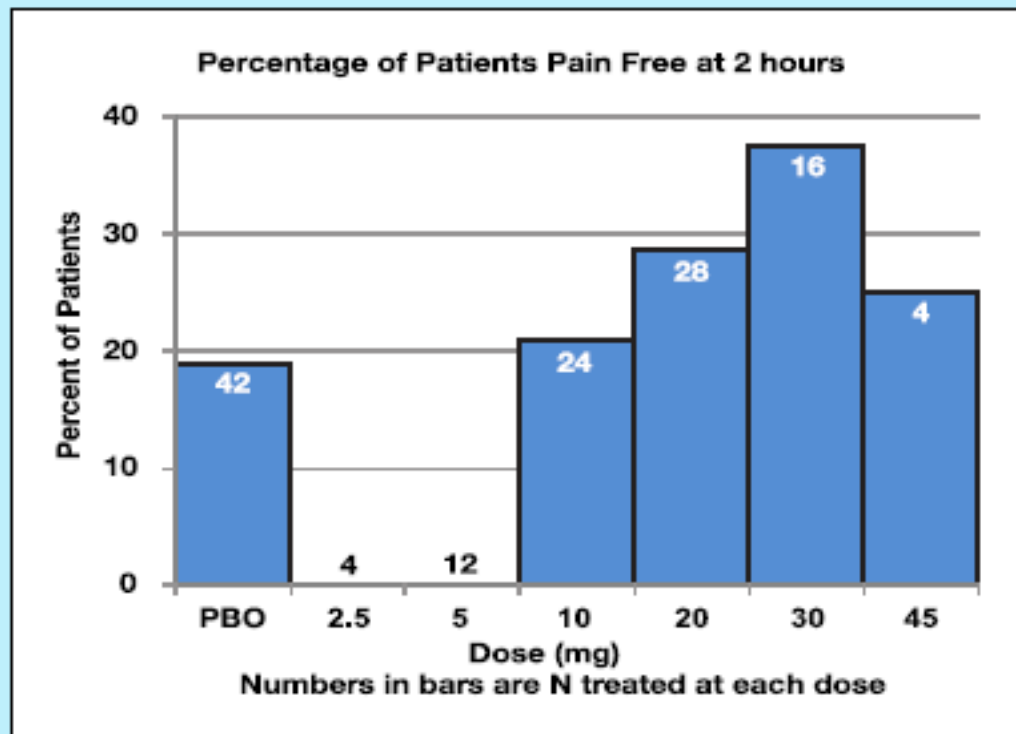


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# COL-144: A SELECTIVE 5-HT<sub>1F</sub> AGONIST FOR THE TREATMENT OF MIGRAINE ATTACKS

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for the European COL-144 Investigators

Figure 4 – Pain Free



**Selective serotonin 1F (5-HT<sub>1F</sub>) receptor agonist LY334370 for acute migraine: a randomised controlled trial**

*D J Goldstein, K I Roon, W W Offen, N M Ramadan, L A Phebus, K W Johnson, J M Schaus, M D Ferrari*

- 5-HT-1F agonists are effective in the treatment of acute migraine attacks
- No vasoconstrictive properties
- Could be used in patients with vascular diseases and contraindications for triptans

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# Nitric Oxide Production Blockade

- NO donor nitroglycerin triggers migraine attacks
- NOS inhibition has been shown to abort migraine
- GW 274150 and GW 273629 have been studied
- NOS inhibitors lower blood pressure

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# Gap-junction blocker

- Tonabersat (SB-2200453) inhibits
  - Cortical spreading depression (CSD)
  - CSD-induced nitric-oxide release
  - Cerebral vasodilatation

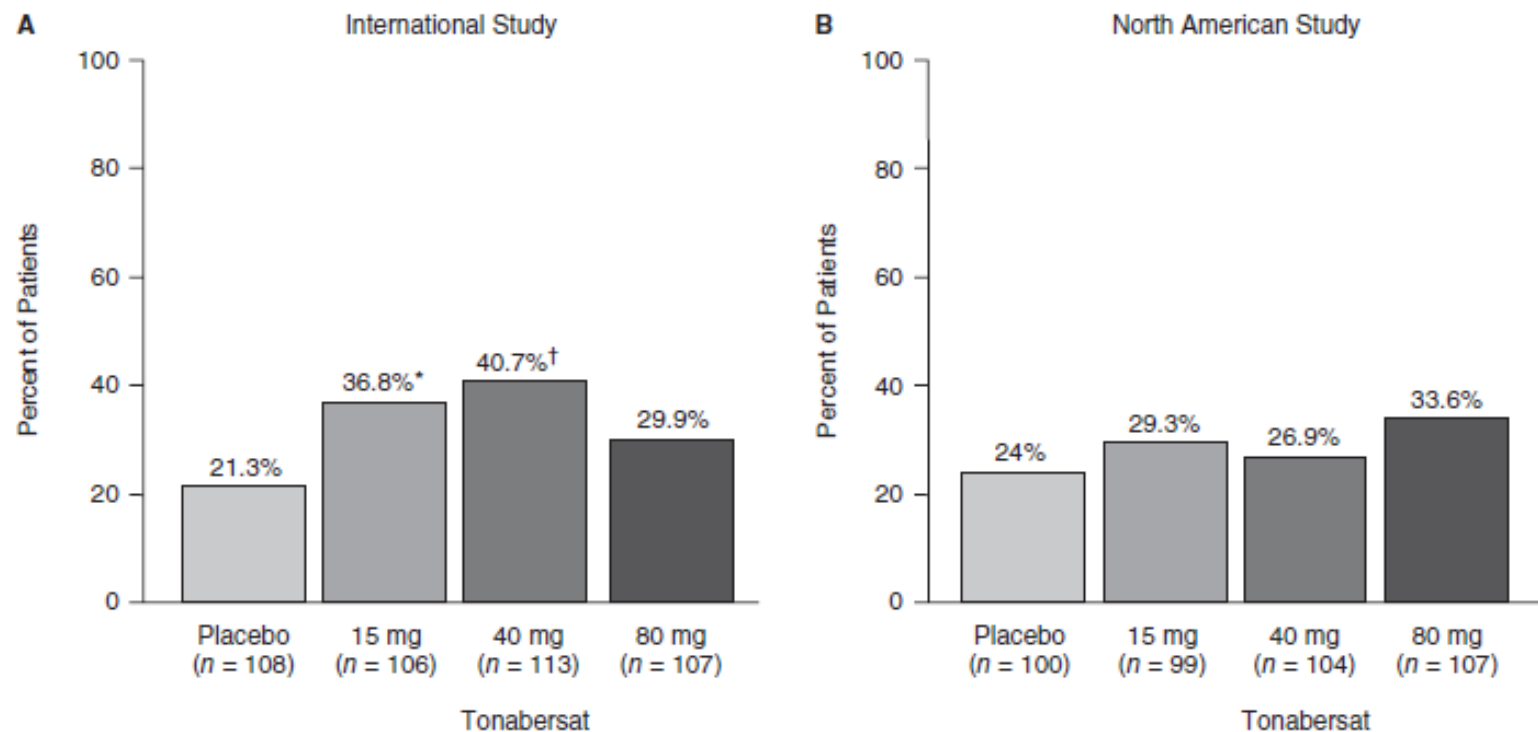
Efficacy and safety of tonabersat, a gap-junction modulator, in the acute treatment of migraine: a double-blind, parallel-group, randomized study

CGH Dahlöf, AW Hauge<sup>2</sup> & J Olesen<sup>2</sup>

- 591 patients with migraine
- Tonabersat 20 mg, 40 mg, sumatriptan 50 mg, placebo
- Tonabersat not superior to placebo

## Tonabersat, a gap-junction modulator: efficacy and safety in two randomized, placebo-controlled, dose-ranging studies of acute migraine

SD Silberstein<sup>1</sup>, J Schoenen<sup>2</sup>, H Göbel<sup>3</sup>, HC Diener<sup>4</sup>, AH Elkind<sup>5</sup>, JA Klapper<sup>6</sup> & RA Howard<sup>7</sup>



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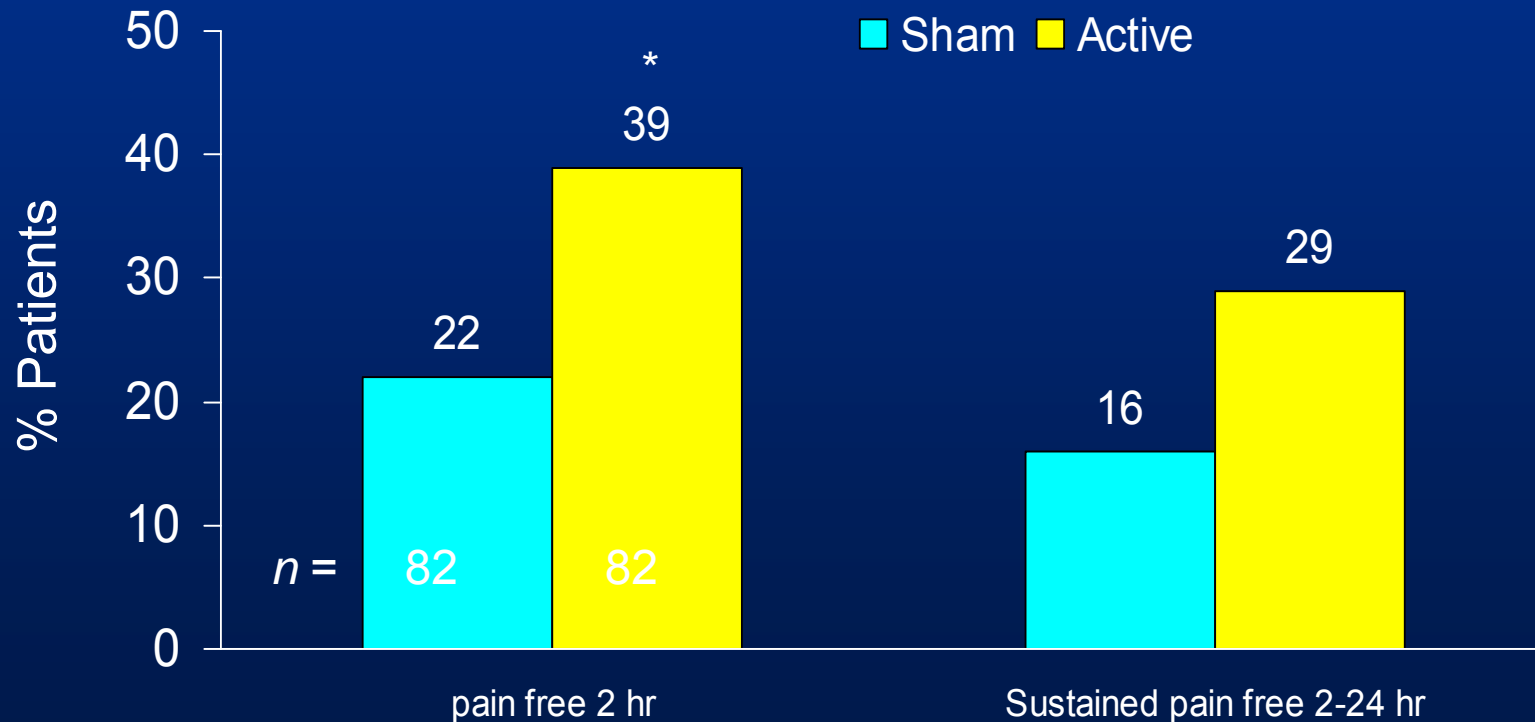
# *Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation for the Treatment of Migraine Aura*

*Philip R. Holland, San Francisco, CA, Carol T. Schembri, Joe P.  
Fredrick, Sunnyvale, CA, Peter J. Goadsby, San Francisco, CA*



# Transcranial magnetic stimulation for Migraine

- Randomised double-blind placebo controlled study
- *Include*: 30% aura episodes, aura leads to headache 90%
- *Exclude*: Prolonged aura, MOH
- TMS- 0.9T for 180  $\mu$ s; Sham- click and vibrate
- *Primary endpoint*: 2 hr pain free plus non-inferiority for nausea/photo/phono
- *Blinding*: Thought they got active, 67% Sham and 72% active



(Lipton *et al.*, AHS Late-breaking abstract)

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# Migraine Prophylaxis

## Good Evidence

- Betablockers
- Flunarizine\*
- Valproic acid\*
- Topiramate
- (Amitriptyline)\*

## Poor evidence\*

- Magnesium ?
- Vitamine B2 (Riboflavin)?
- Butterburr
- NSAIDs
- Gabapentin
- SSNRIs



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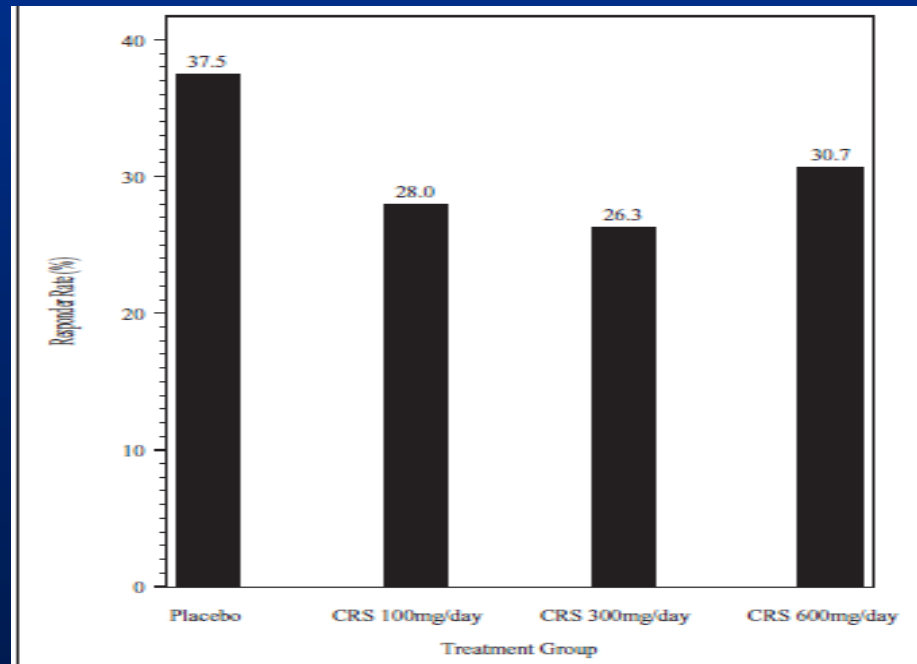
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# Carisbamate

- Effective in human partial seizures
- Fewer cognitive side effects compared to topiramate
- Mode of action unknown

# Evaluation of Carisbamate for the Treatment of Migraine in a Randomized, Double-Blind Trial

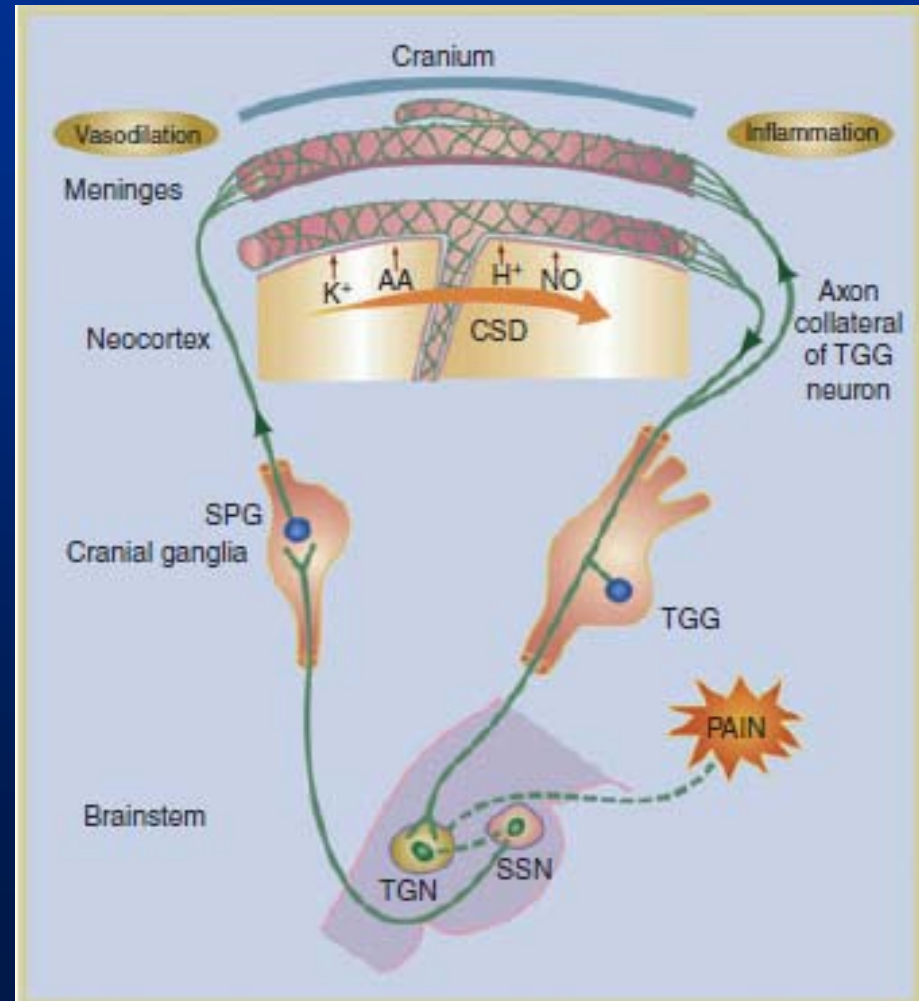
Roger K. Cady, MD; Ninan Mathew, MD; Hans-Christoph Diener, MD; Peter Hu, PhD; Magali Haas, MD, PhD; Gerald P. Novak, MD, on behalf of the Study Group



**Fig 3.—Responder rate (ITT population). *P* values are vs placebo: *P* = .2 for CRS 100 mg/day (n = 82) and CRS 300 mg/day (n = 80); *P* = .3 for CRS 600 mg/day (n = 75). For placebo, n = 80. Pairwise comparisons made using generalized Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel test, stratified by pooled analysis center (CRS = carisbamate).**

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# Effects of tonabersat on migraine with aura: a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled crossover study

Anne W Hauge, Mohammed S Asghar, Henrik W Schytz, Karl Christensen, Jes Olesen

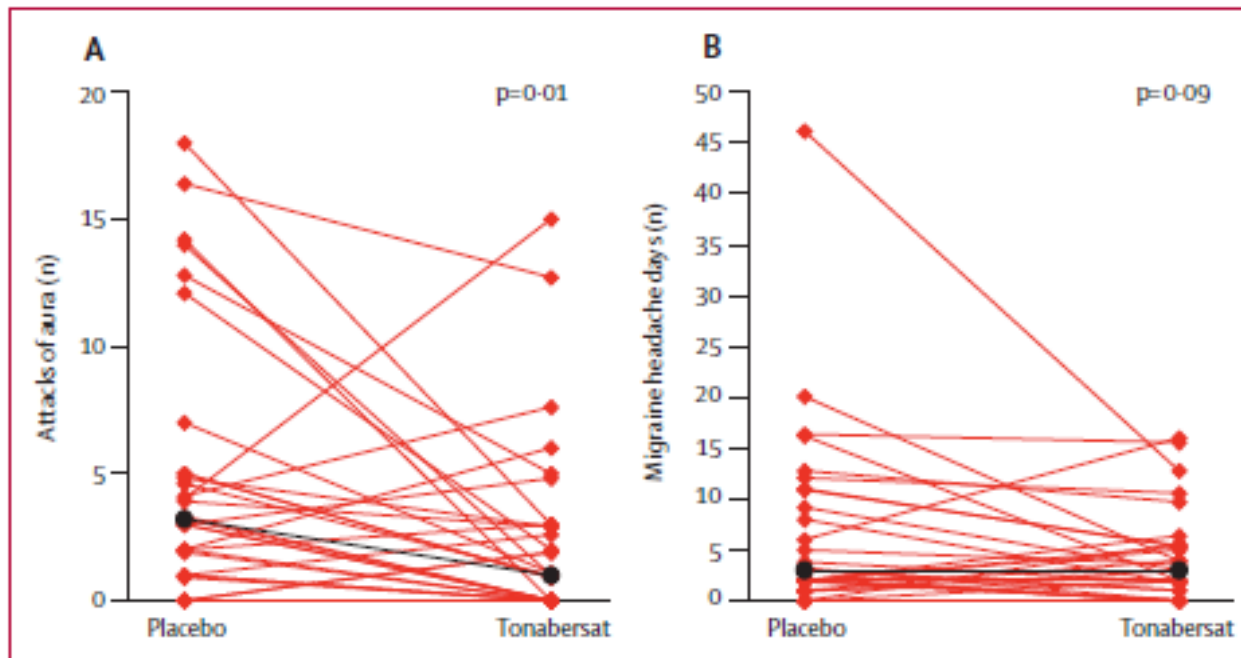


Figure 3: Primary variables during placebo and tonabersat treatment

(A) Attacks of aura and (B) migraine headache days during 12 weeks' treatment with placebo versus 12 weeks' treatment with tonabersat. Red lines show individual patients and black lines show the medians of the two treatment groups (tonabersat-placebo and placebo-tonabersat).

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## Telmisartan in migraine prophylaxis: a randomized, placebo-controlled trial

HC Diener<sup>1</sup>, A Gendolla<sup>1</sup>, A Feuersenger<sup>2</sup>, S Evers<sup>3</sup>, A Straube<sup>4</sup>, H Schumacher<sup>5</sup> & G Davidai<sup>6</sup>, on behalf of the Study Group\*

Table 5 Analysis of migraine days

	Telmisartan	Placebo	P-value <sup>a</sup>
<i>n</i>	40	44	
Baseline, mean (s.d.)	6.18 (2.89)	7.59 (3.66)	
End of study, mean (s.d.)	4.53 (3.41)	6.45 (4.47)	
Change from baseline (Wilcoxon), mean (s.d.)	-1.65 (3.46)	-1.14 (3.78)	0.7388
% change from baseline (ANCOVA <sup>a</sup> ), mean (95% CI)	-38% (-49%, -24%)	-15% (-30%, 5%)	0.0262

\*Adjusted for baseline and centre, data log-transformed.

s.d., standard deviation; CI, confidence interval.



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# Botulinum Toxin Type A Prophylactic Treatment of Episodic Migraine: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Exploratory Study

Sheena K. Aurora, MD; Marek Gawel, MB, BCh, FRCPC; Jan L. Brandes, MD; Suriani Pokta, PhD; Amanda M. VanDenburgh, PhD; for the BOTOX North American Episodic Migraine Study Group

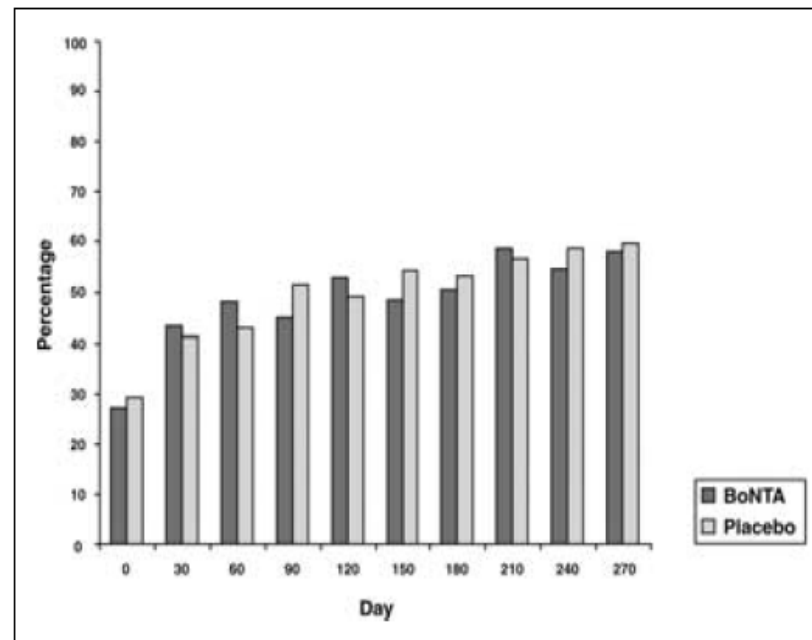
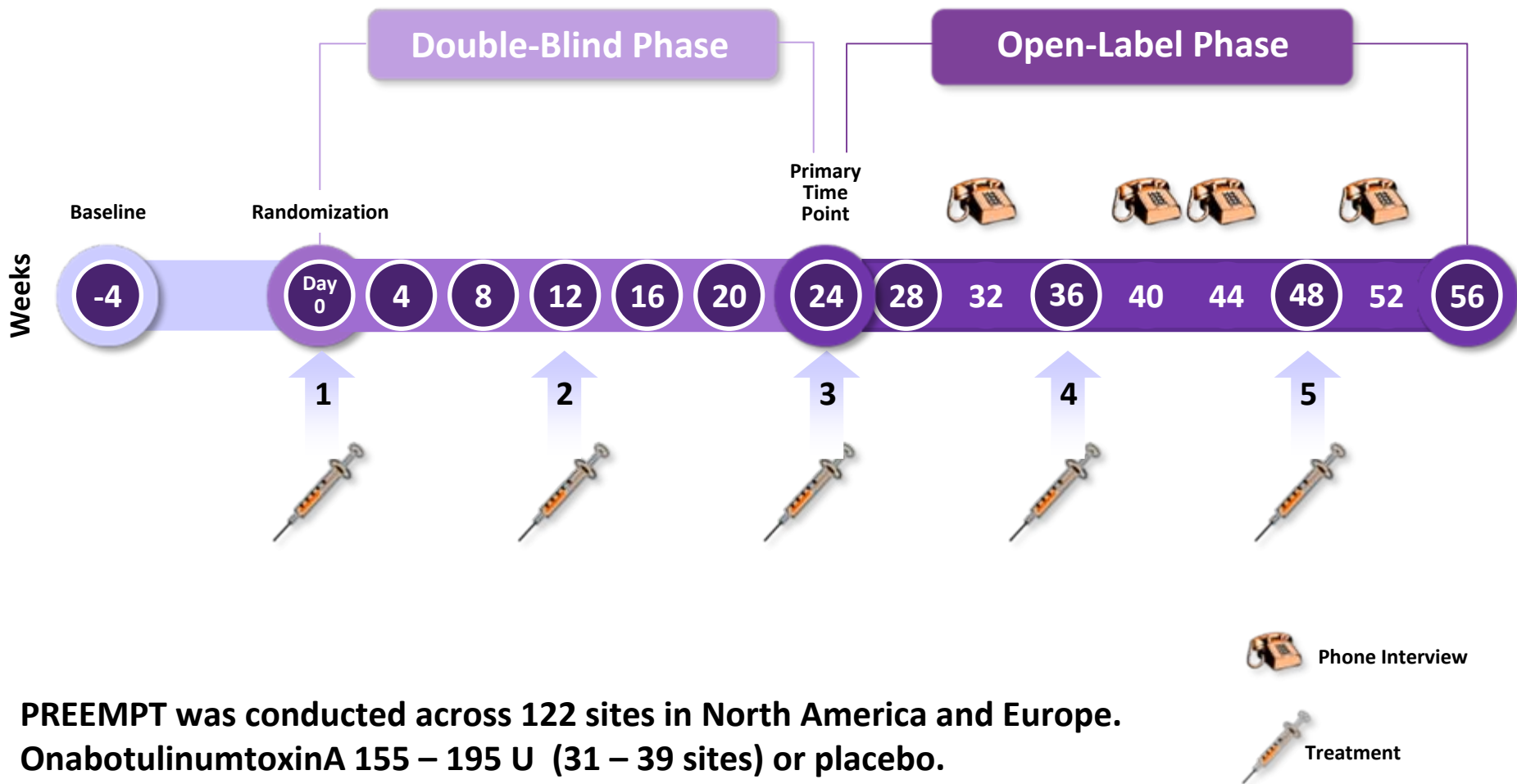


Fig 2.—Percentage of patients with a decrease from baseline of  $\geq 50\%$  of migraine headache episodes of any severity per 30-day period (pooled data).

**Onabotulinumtoxin A for treatment of  
chronic migraine: double-blind,  
randomized, placebo-controlled  
PREEMPT trials**

Dodick DW, Aurora, SK, Turkel CC,  
DeGryse RE, Silberstein SD, Lipton RB,  
Diener HC, Brin MF on behalf of  
PREEMPT Chronic Migraine Study Group

# Study Design



PREEMPT was conducted across 122 sites in North America and Europe.  
OnabotulinumtoxinA 155 – 195 U (31 – 39 sites) or placebo.

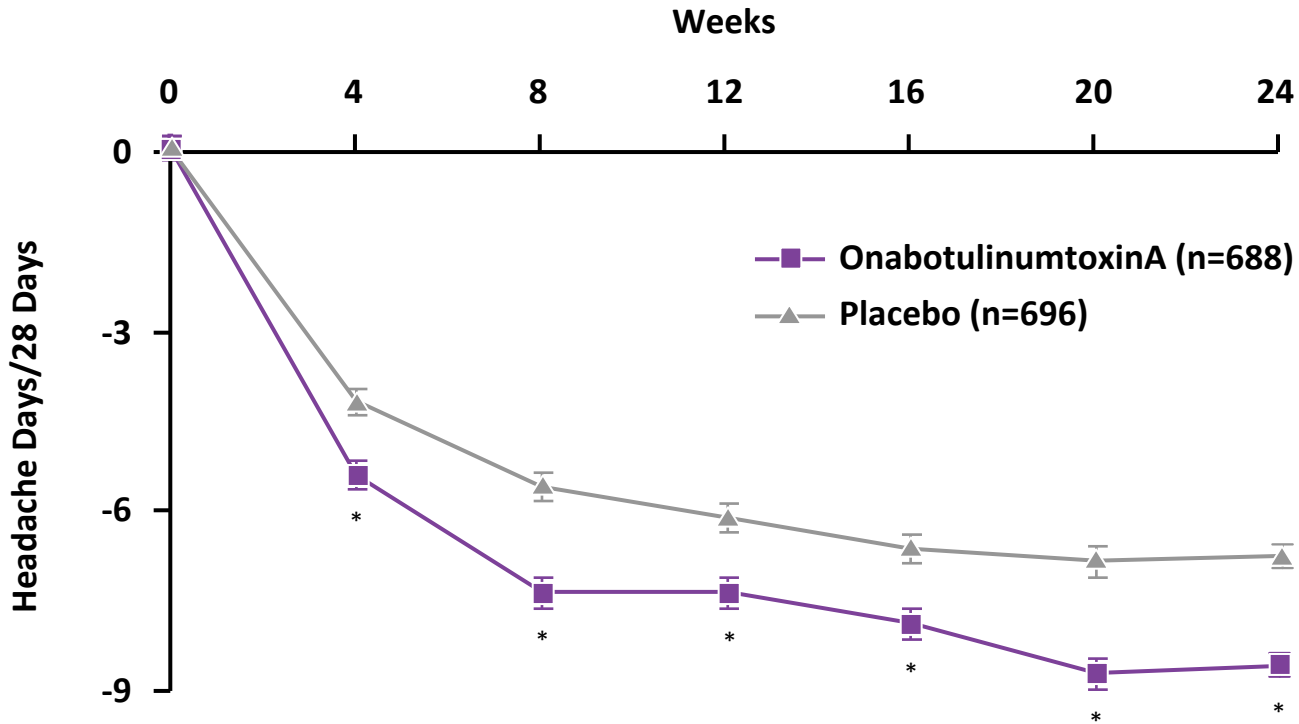
# Baseline Demographics

	<b>OnabotA (n=688)</b>	<b>Placebo (n=696)</b>	<b>p value</b>
<b>Mean age, years</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>0.579</b>
<b>Female, %</b>	<b>87.6</b>	<b>85.2</b>	<b>0.185</b>
<b>Caucasian, %</b>	<b>89.7</b>	<b>90.5</b>	<b>0.602</b>
<b>Mean HA days (SD)</b>	<b>19.9 (3.68)</b>	<b>19.8 (3.68)</b>	<b>0.498</b>
<b>Mean migraine days (SD)*</b>	<b>19.1 (3.99)</b>	<b>18.9 (4.05)</b>	<b>0.328</b>
<b>Mean moderate/severe HA days (SD)</b>	<b>18.1 (4.12)</b>	<b>18.0 (4.25)</b>	<b>0.705</b>
<b>Mean cumulative hours of HA occurring on HA days (SD)</b>	<b>295.93 (116.88)</b>	<b>281.22 (114.74)</b>	<b>0.021</b>
<b>Mean HIT-6 score</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>0.638</b>
<b>% with severe (<math>\geq 60</math>) HIT-6 score</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>92.7</b>	<b>0.565</b>
<b>Mean HA episodes (SD)</b>	<b>12.2 (5.25)</b>	<b>13.0 (5.5)</b>	<b>0.004</b>
<b>Mean migraine episodes (SD)*</b>	<b>11.4 (5.02)</b>	<b>12.2 (5.42)</b>	<b>0.004</b>
<b>% overusing acute head pain medication<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>0.450</b>

onabotA = onabotulinumtoxinA; HA = headache; HIT = Headache Impact Test.

\*ICHD-II 1.1 (migraine without aura), 1.2 (migraine with aura), 1.6 (probable migraine).<sup>1</sup> <sup>†</sup>Patients must have taken acute pain HA medication at least twice per week in any week with  $\geq 5$  diary days and  $\geq 10$ -15 days (depending on medication category) during the baseline period.

# Mean Change From Baseline in Frequency of Headache Days



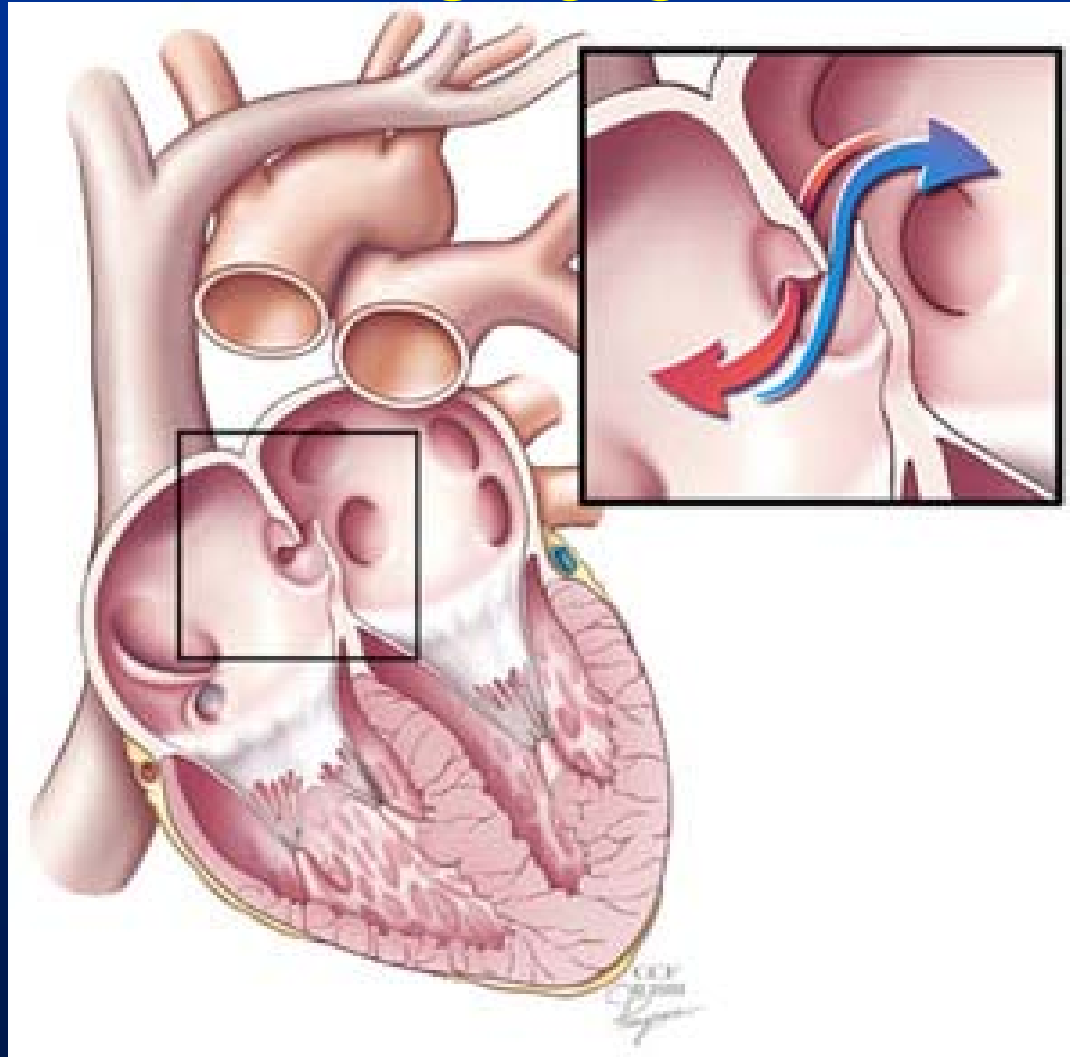
\*p<0.001.

Mean ± standard error.

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# Migraine and Patent Foramen Ovale





# Prophylaxis of Migraine by PFO Closure

## Interventional Cardiology

### Migraine Intervention With STARFlex Technology (MIST) Trial

**A Prospective, Multicenter, Double-Blind, Sham-Controlled Trial to  
Evaluate the Effectiveness of Patent Foramen Ovale Closure  
With STARFlex Septal Repair Implant to Resolve  
Refractory Migraine Headache**

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# Population-based Study

## Patent Foramen Ovale and Migraine

### A Cross-Sectional Study From the Northern Manhattan Study (NOMAS)

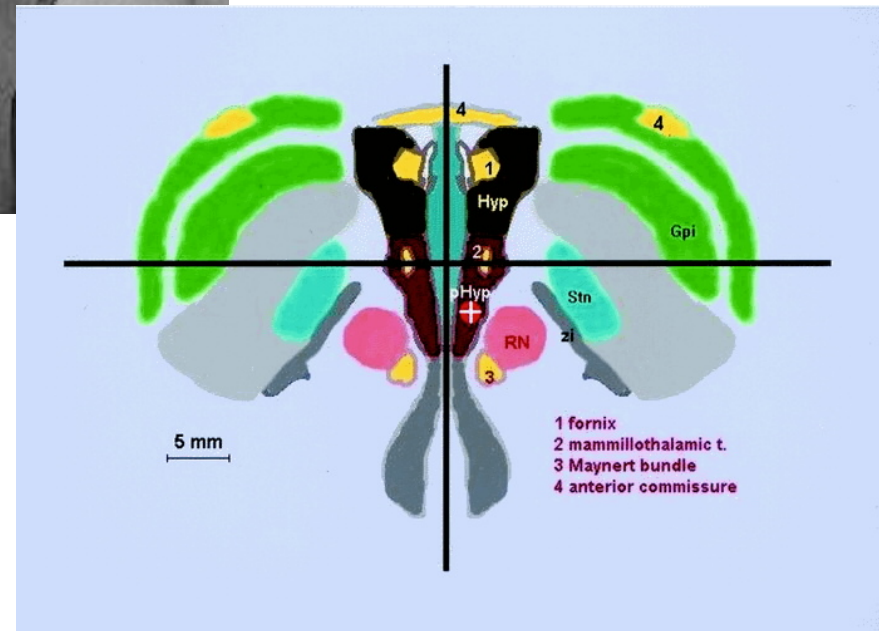
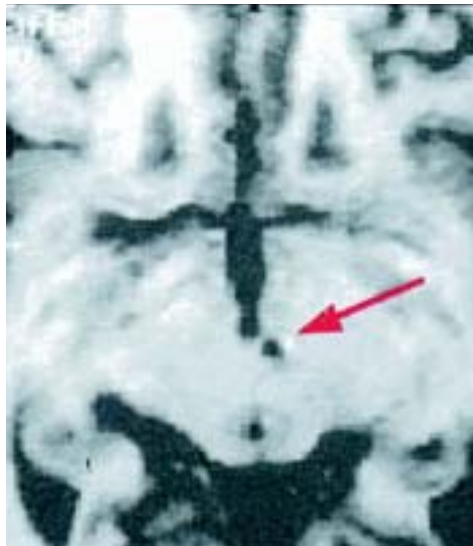
Tatjana Rundek, MD, PhD; Mitchell S.V. Elkind, MD, MS; Marco R. Di Tullio, MD; Emmanuel Carrera, MD; Zhezhen Jin, PhD; Ralph L. Sacco, MD, MS; Shunichi Homma, MD

*Conclusions*—In this multiethnic, elderly, population-based cohort, PFO detected with transthoracic echocardiography and agitated saline was not associated with self-reported migraine. The causal relationship between PFO and migraine remains uncertain, and the role of PFO closure among unselected patients with migraine remains questionable. (*Circulation*. 2008;118:1419-1424.)

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# Deep Brain Stimulation (Cluster Headache)



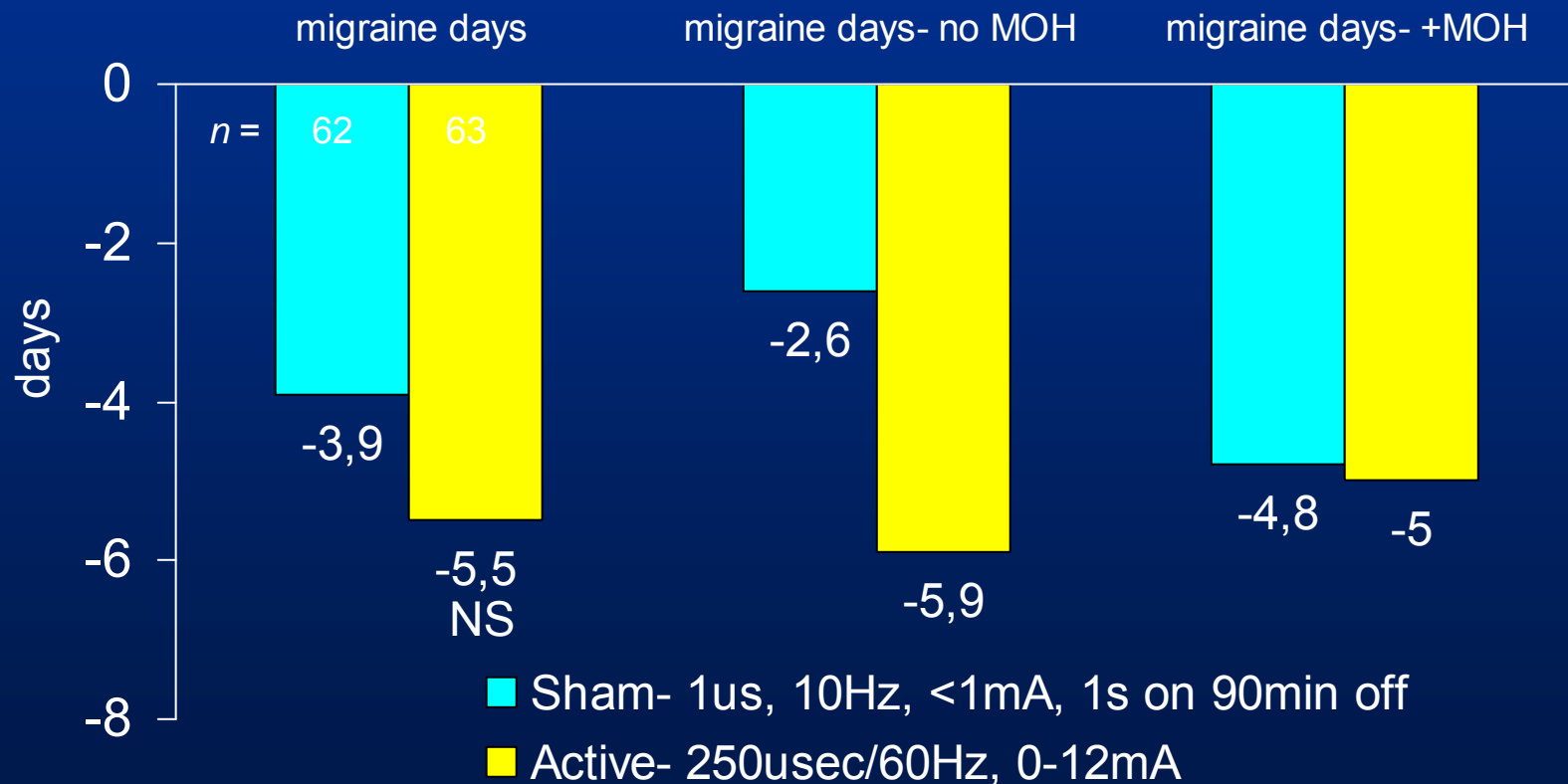
Franzini, Leone. Stimulation of the posterior hypothalamus for the treatment of chronic intractable Cluster Neurosurgery 2003;52:1095-9

# Bilateral Occipital Nerve Stimulation



# Occipital nerve stimulation in migraine & chronic migraine- PRISM

- Double-blind randomized parallel group sham stimulation controlled study
- Migraine  $\geq 6$  days/month or chronic migraine (ICHD-II)
- Failed two preventives/two attack treatments



•Adverse event:

(Lipton *et al.*, Cephalalgia 2009;29:30- IHC2009) non-target sensory symptoms

# Neurostimulation approaches to primary headache disorders

Thorsten Bartsch<sup>a</sup>, Koen Paemeleire<sup>b</sup> and Peter J. Goadsby<sup>c</sup>

Neurostimulation in headache Bartsch *et al.* 263

**Table 1** Effects of occipital nerve stimulation in primary headache syndromes: synopsis of published cases

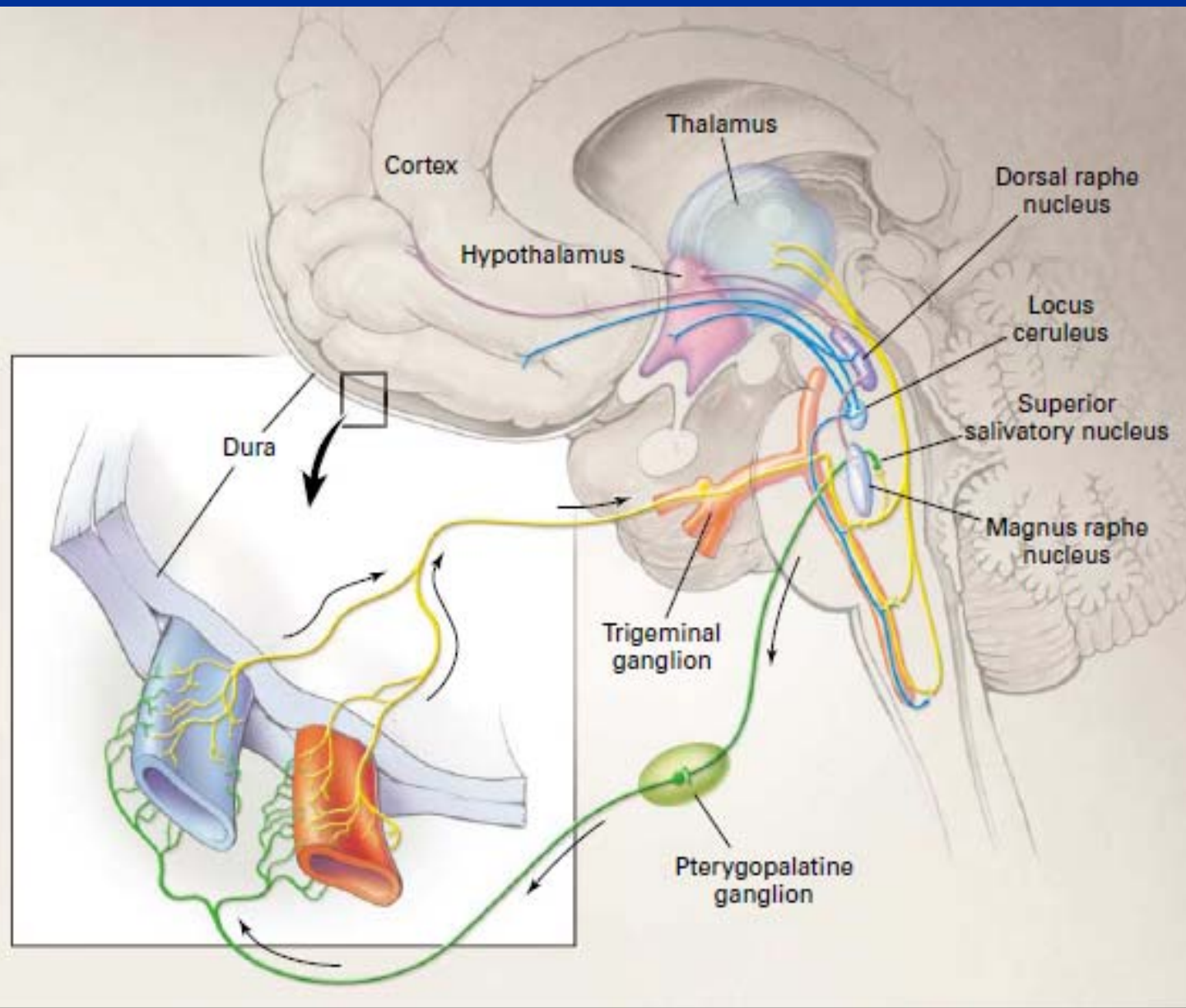
Study	Headache syndrome	Diagnostic criteria	Type of study	Number of patients	Mean disease duration (years) before implantation	No. of improved patients (>50% relief)/(%)	Follow-up (years)
Popeney and Alo [4]	Transformed migraine	IHS	P	25	10	22 (88)	1.5
Oh <i>et al.</i> [5]	Transformed migraine	IHS	P	10	12 +	10 (100)	0.5
Matharu <i>et al.</i> [6]	Chronic migraine	IHS	O	8	5.8	8 (100)	1.5
Schwedt <i>et al.</i> [7]	Chronic CH	IHS	R	1	5	1 (100)	n.s.
	Hemicrania continua			1	12	1 (100)	
Magis <i>et al.</i> [8]	Chronic CH	IHS	P	8	13.6	5 (62)	1.2
Schwedt <i>et al.</i> [9]	Chronic migraine	IHS	R	8	n.s.	3 (38)	1.5
Dodick <i>et al.</i> [10]	Chronic CH			3		1 (33)	1.7
	Hemicrania continua			2		2 (100)	
Bums <i>et al.</i> [11**]	Hemicrania continua	IHS	P	6	18	4 (66)	1.1
Bums <i>et al.</i> [12]	Chronic CH	IHS	R	14	6	5 (36)	1.4

n.s., not stated. CH, cluster headache; IHS, International Headache Society; O, observational; P, prospective; R, retrospective.

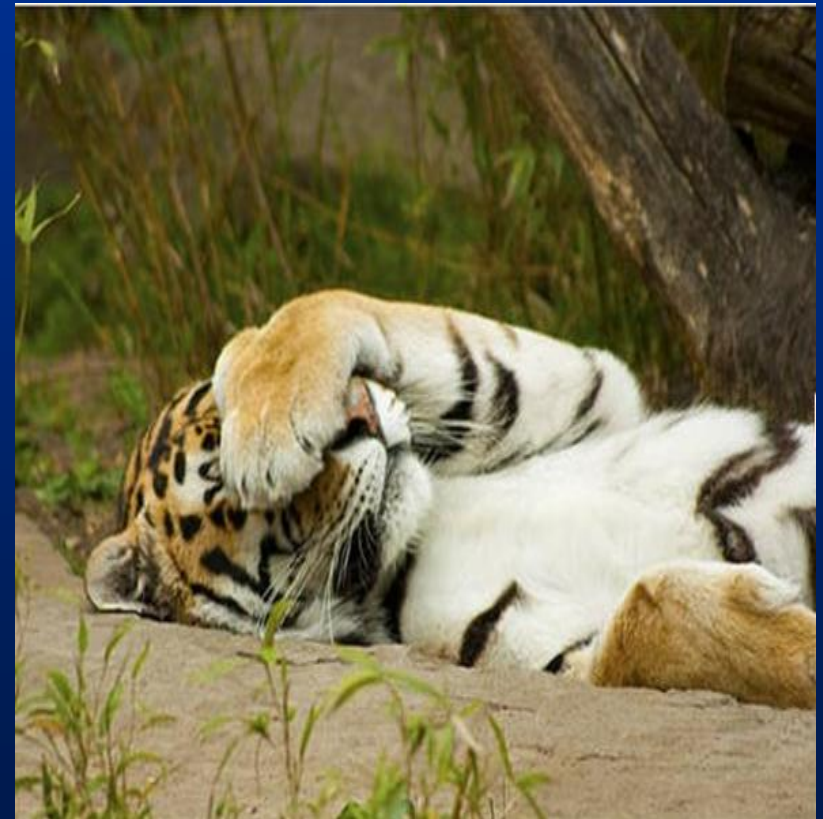
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- Carisbamate
- Tonabersat
- Telmisartan
- Botulinum toxin
- PFO closure
- Neurostimulation





# Thank You!



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