



# Neuritis optica: diagnose en classificatie

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# Background

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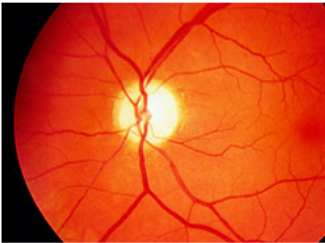
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# 1<sup>st</sup> Case



- 34 year old Caucasian female patient
- 7 day history of pain in the right eye which worsens on eye movements
- Reduced colour vision
- VA RE: 6/9, left eye LE: 6/5
- Right RAPD
- Reports: fatigue, cognitive problems, urinary incontinence, depression
- PmHx: right sided numbness lasting 1m, 3y ago

# 1<sup>st</sup> Case

- Bloods all normal except for low Vitamin D at 22 nmol/L (normal 50-200 nmol/L)
- MRI: DIS & DIT  
three Gd+ non-symptomatic lesions
- CSF not done

**What is the most likely diagnosis?**

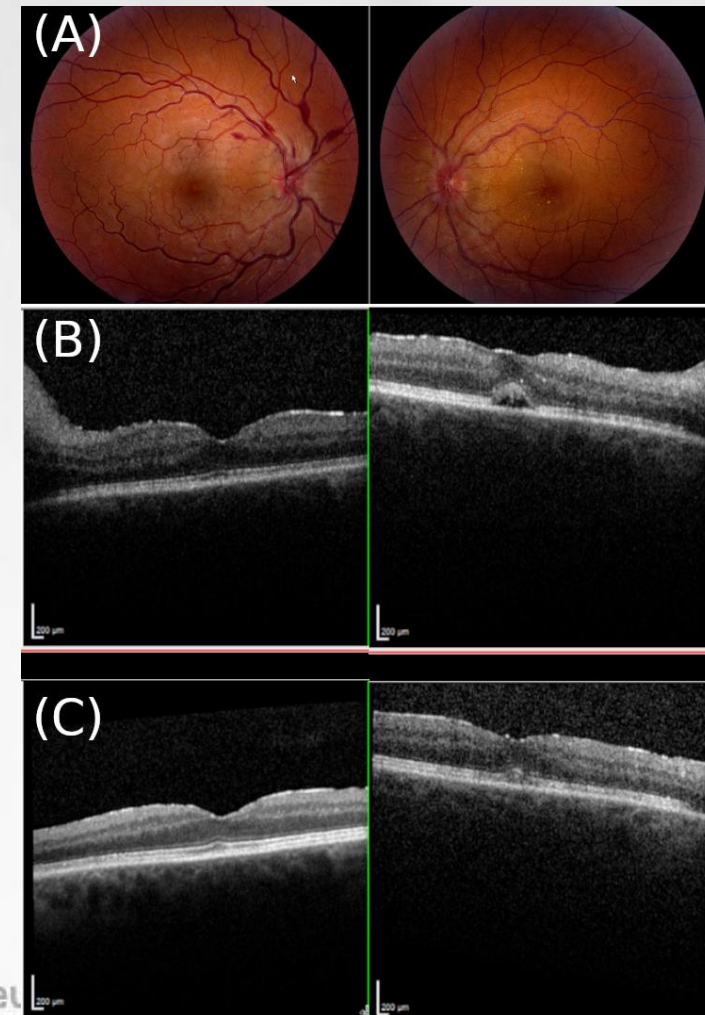
## 2<sup>nd</sup> Case

- 28 year old, Afrocaribbean male
- Painless loss of vision LE (6/38)
- Dyschromatopsia
- L RAPD
- Several steroid responsive episodes over ~20 y fup
- OCT: pRNFL atrophy LE (IEPD >5%)
- MRI a swollen, Gd+, left optic nerve. No lesions elsewhere
- AQP4 seropositive

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Case



- 72 year old male develops febrile illness in Vietnam
- 2-3 weeks later bilateral, sequential, painless loss of vision (PL)
- no RAPD (but both pupils constrict with accommodation)
- Fundus (next slide):
  - Bilateral disc edema
  - RE hemorrhages
  - LE macular scar, CMO
- No recovery @ 6m fup  
(IVMP given ~6w after onset)





# Cases summary

- **Case 1: is this MS ?**

Scenario A: painful, monocular, subacute LOV, dyschromatopsia, RAPD

- **Case 2: is this NMO ?**

Scenario B: no pain, monocular, subacute LOV, dyschromatopsia, RAPD

- **Case 3: what is this ?**

Scenario C: binocular, subacute LOV, dyschromatopsia, no pain, no RAPD

# Pearls & Oysters

- Key elements from Hx: Scenarios A-C
- Ethnicity is important:
  - MOG and AQP4 seropositivity more prevalent in African, Afrocaribbean and Asian background
- Examination: if you cannot demonstrate an afferent deficit, test the efferent pupil response

# RAPD video

Link to video on Lancet website

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# How to harvest more pearls

## Panel 3: Signs and symptoms aiding the clinical classification of optic neuritis and exclusion of alternative pathologies

### Clinical presentation\*:

- Sequence of symptoms over time
- Preceding infection or vaccination
- Ethnic background or location
- Progression of pain or visual loss (>2 weeks)
- Absence of pain
- Associated epilepsy†
- Simultaneous bilateral ON
- Evidence of retinitis or retinal dysfunction from OCT or electrophysiology
- Presence of severe optic disc oedema
- Absence of optic disc oedema
- Unexplained optic atrophy in either eye at onset
- Fever or other systemic symptoms and signs‡
- Other focal neurological signs

### Disease course§:

- Progressive loss of vision
- Progressive retinal layer atrophy for more than 12 months
- Sequential bilateral optic neuritis
- Absence of spontaneous recovery (>3 months)
- Corticosteroid dependence

### Medical history:

- Medical history of cancer or diseases listed in panel 4
- Family history of a suspected hereditary optic neuropathy
- Family history of other mitochondrial cytopathy

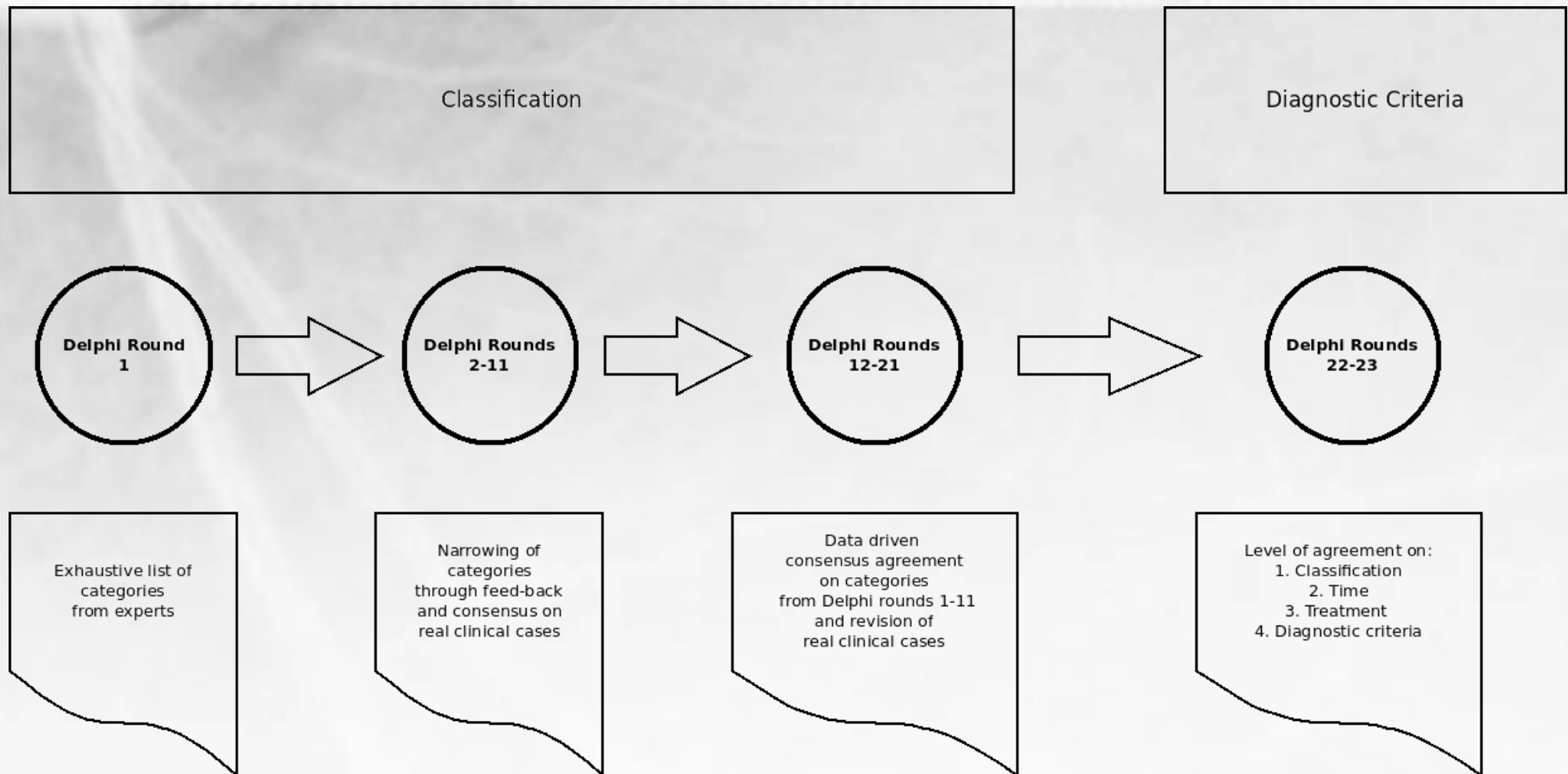




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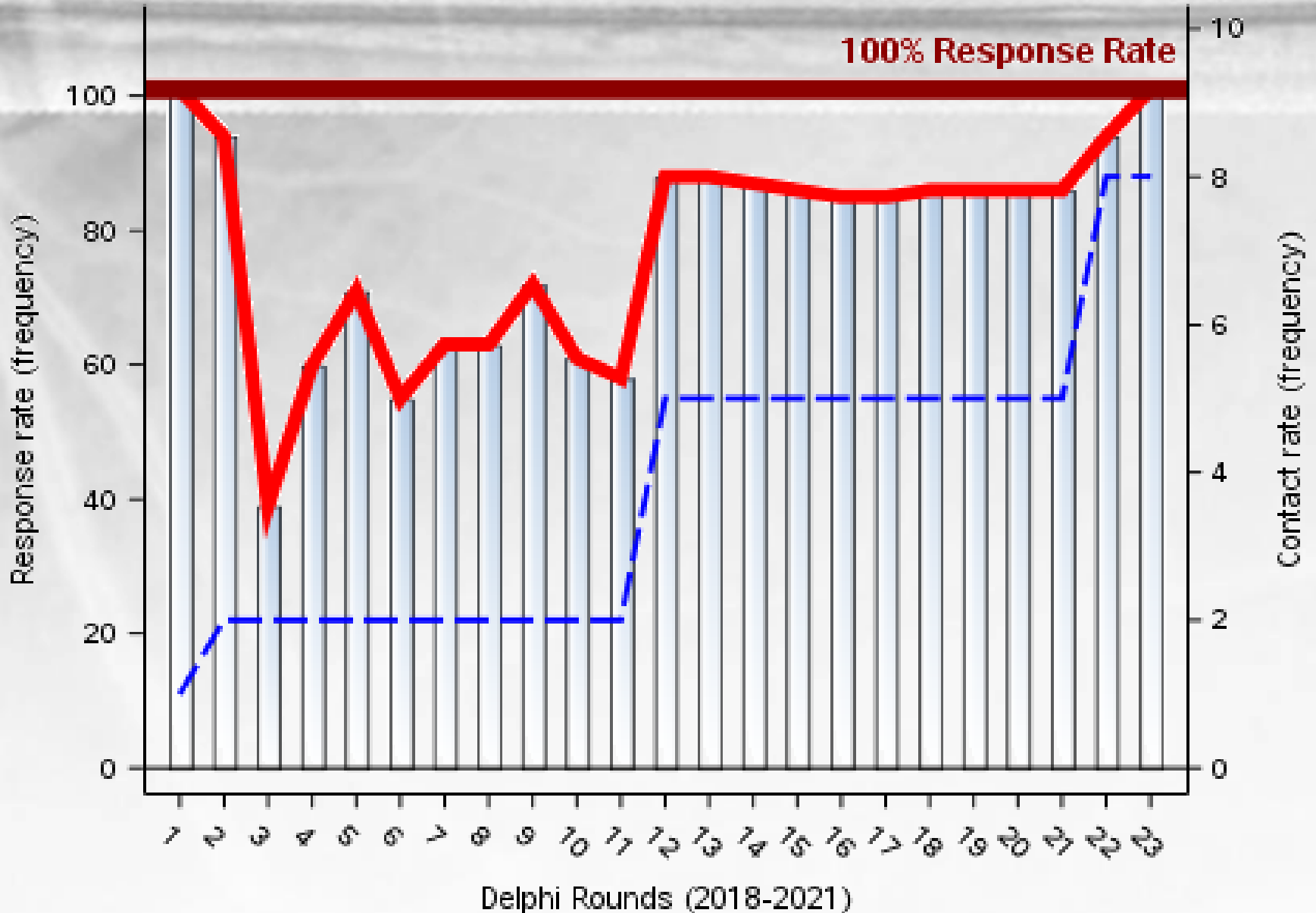
# Delphi Process



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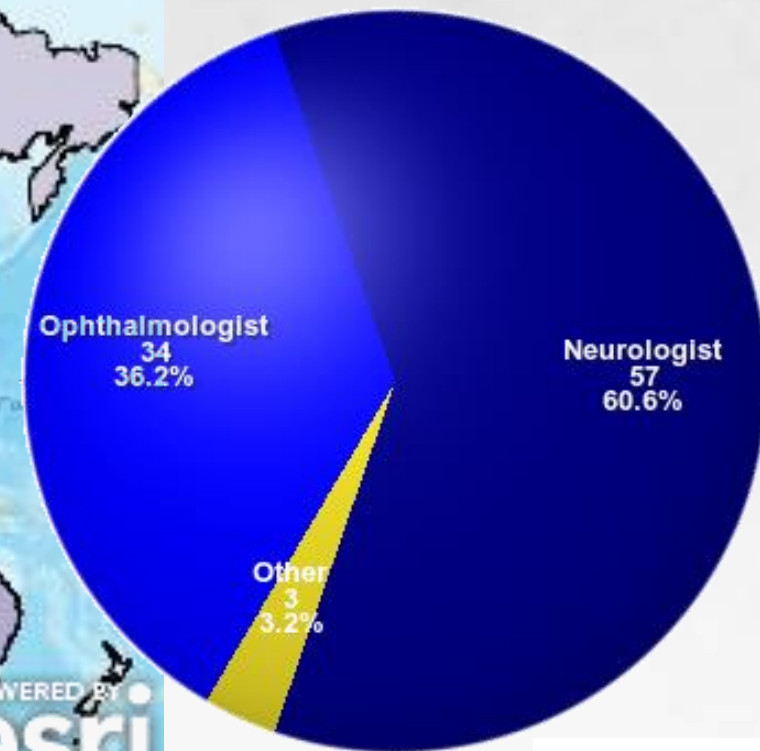
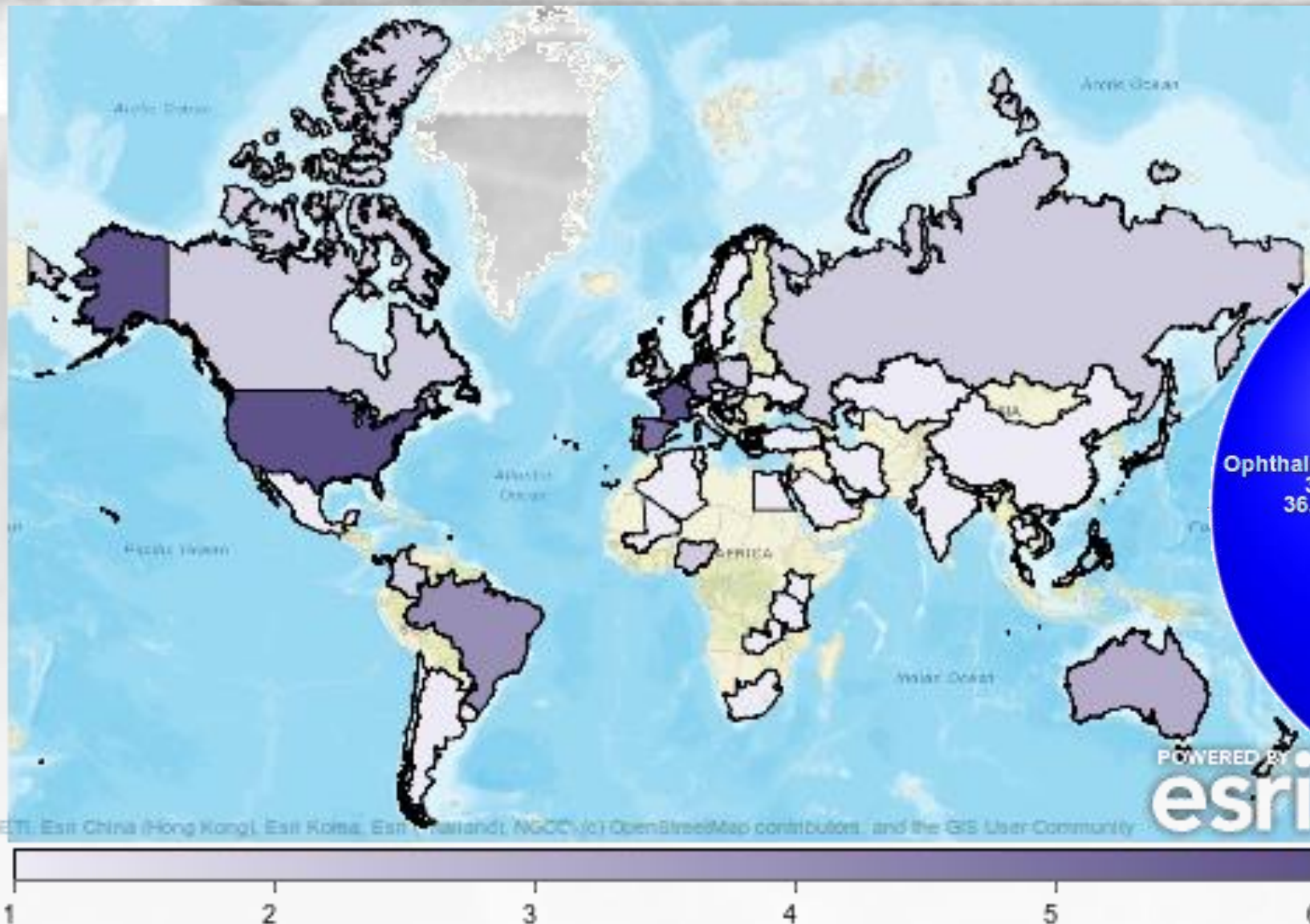
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# Delphi (2018-2021)





# The Panel



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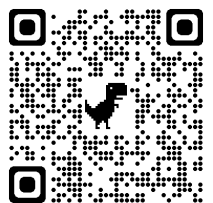
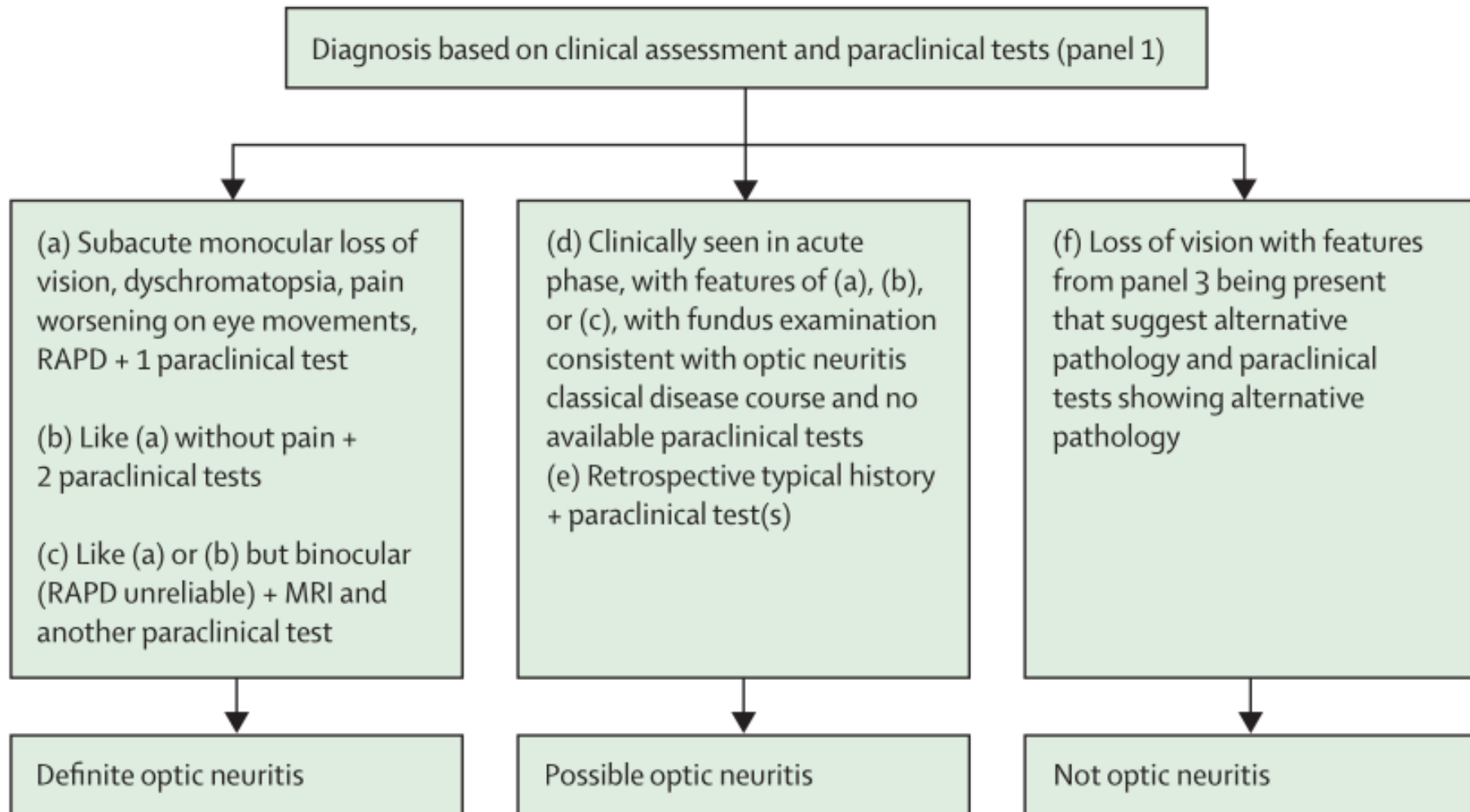
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# Diagnosis

## A Diagnosis of optic neuritis



## Panel 1: Diagnostic criteria for optic neuritis

### Clinical criteria

- A: Monocular, subacute loss of vision associated with orbital pain worsening on eye movements, reduced contrast and colour vision, and relative afferent pupillary deficit
- B: Painless with all other features of (A).
- C: Binocular loss of vision with all features of (A) or (B).

### Paraclinical criteria

- OCT: Corresponding optic disc swelling acutely or an inter-eye difference in the mGCIPL of  $>4\%$  or  $>4\mu\text{m}$  or in the pRNFL of  $>5\%$  or  $>5\mu\text{m}$  within 3 months after onset.
- MRI: Contrast enhancement of the symptomatic optic nerve and sheaths acutely or an intrinsic signal (looking brighter) increase within 3 months.
- Biomarker: AQP4, MOG, or CRMP5 antibody seropositive, or intrathecal CSF IgG (oligoclonal bands).

### Application of the clinical and paraclinical criteria

#### *Definite optic neuritis*

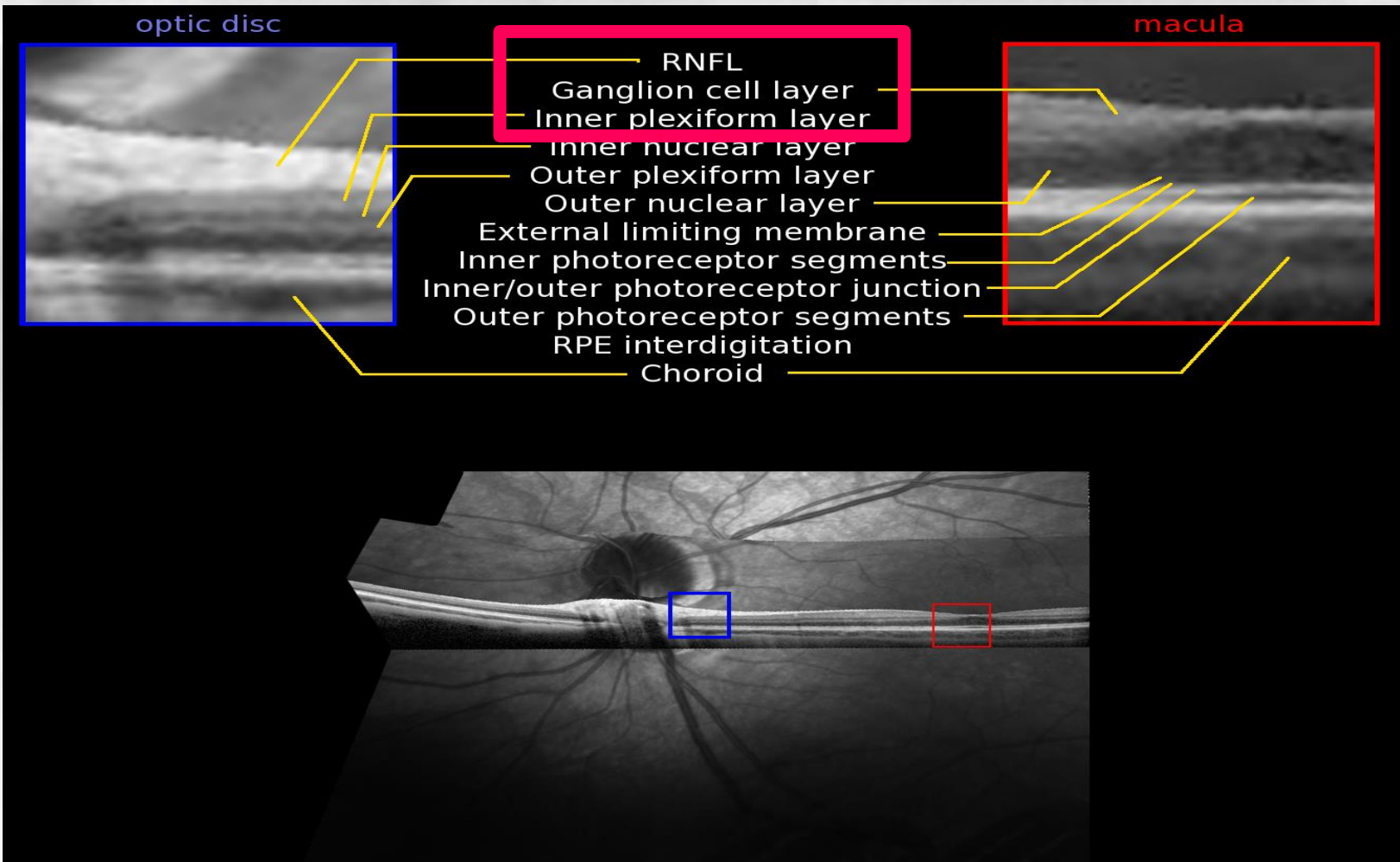
- (A) and one paraclinical test
- (B) and two paraclinical tests of different modality
- (C) and two different paraclinical tests of which one is MRI

#### *Possible optic neuritis*

- (A), (B), or (C) if seen acutely but in absence of paraclinical tests, with fundus examination typical for optic neuritis and consistent with the natural history during follow-up
- Positive paraclinical test or tests, with a medical history suggestive of optic neuritis

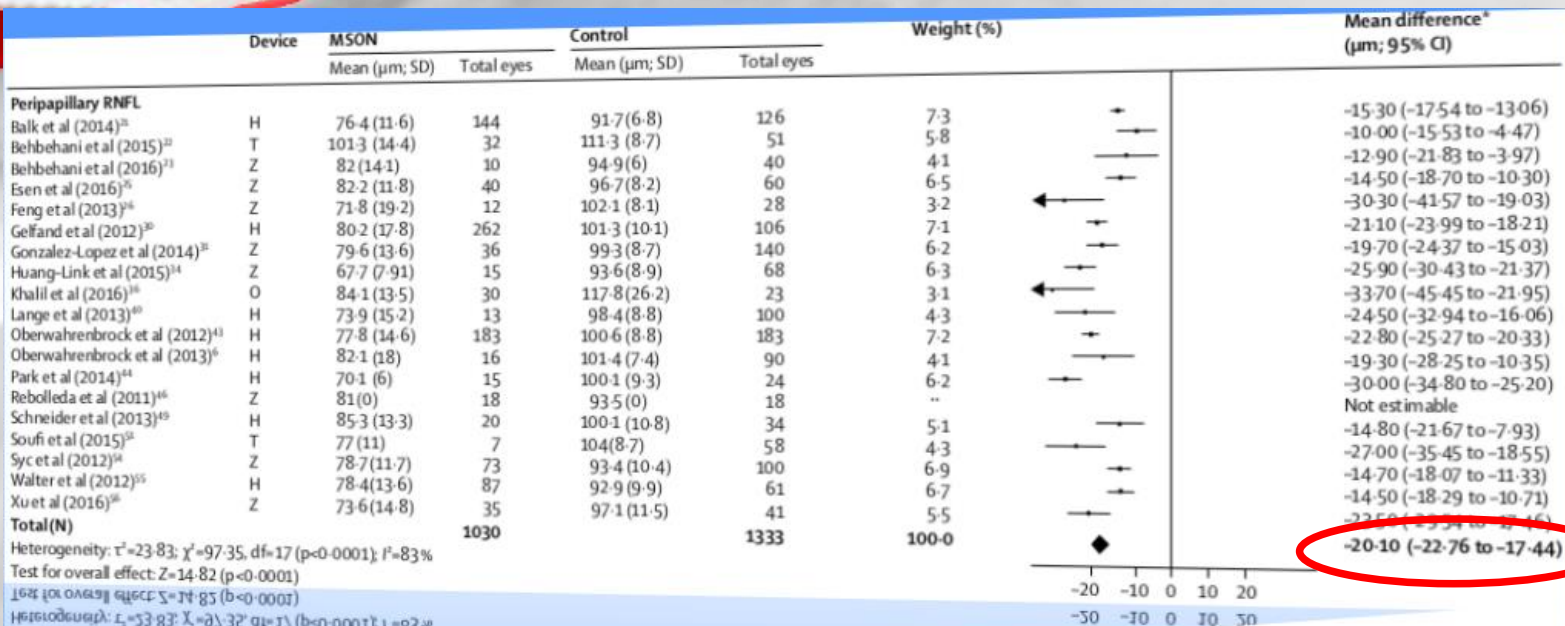


# OCT





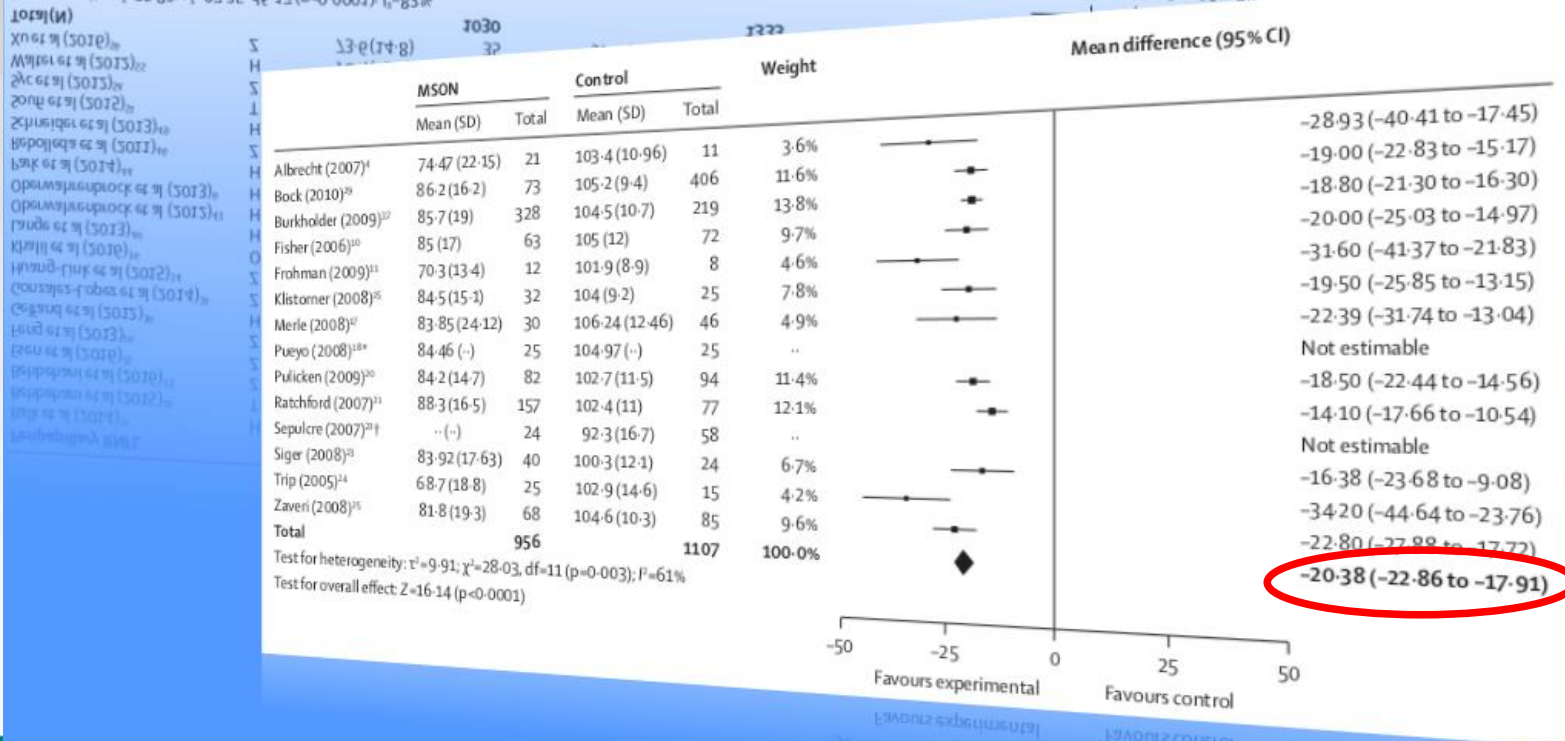
# OCT in MS-ON



pRNFL atrophy

TLN 2010

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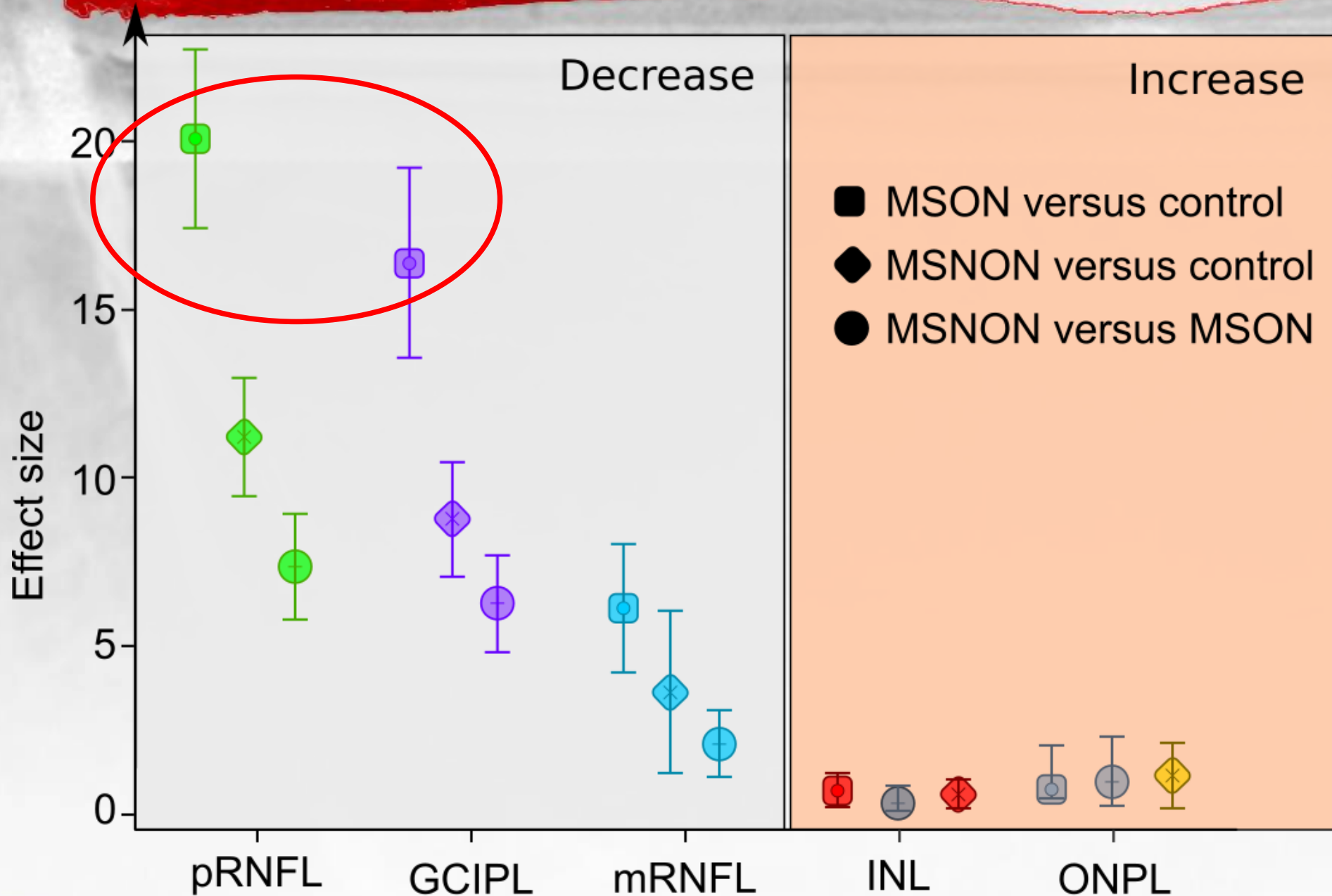


TLN 2017

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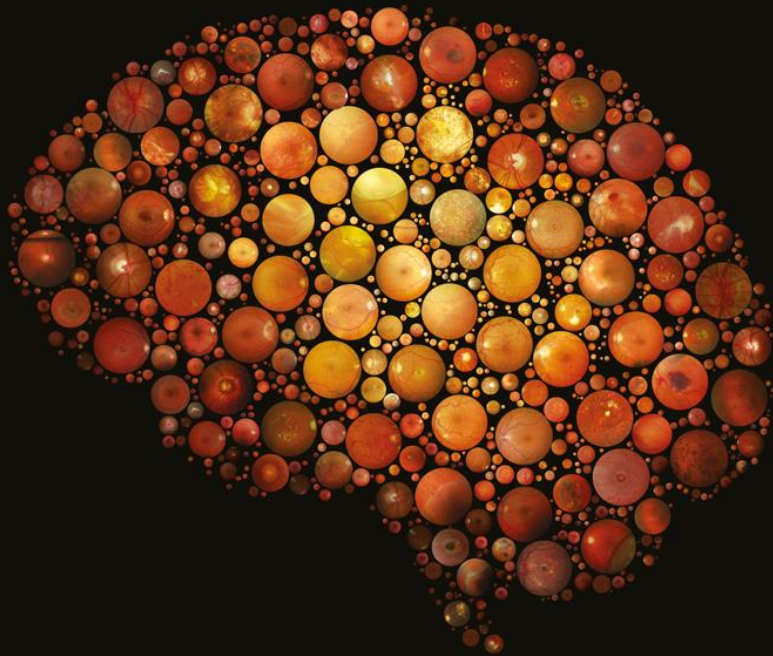
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# Oysters

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Inter-eye difference:

Percentage difference  
(**IEPD**): %

Absolute difference  
(**IEAD**):  $\mu\text{m}$

Petzold *et al.* BRAIN 2021

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# High diagnostic accuracy

OCT measure	Optimized cut-off	Reference	Group comparison	Specificity	Sensitivity
IEPD mGCIPL	5 %	Coric et al. 2017	Symptomatic bilateral MSON vs. healthy controls	97 %	86 %
IEPD mGCIPL	6 %	Coric et al. 2017	Symptomatic unilateral MSON vs. healthy controls	97 %	70 %
IEAD mGCIPL	4.0 $\mu\text{m}$	Nolan-Kenney 2019	Symptomatic unilateral MSON vs. non-MSON	77 %	68 %
IEAD mGCIPL	3.5 $\mu\text{m}$	Behbehani 2020	Unilateral optic neuritis vs. healthy controls	98%	100 %
IEAD mGCIPL	2.83 $\mu\text{m}$	Davion 2020	Symptomatic unilateral or bilateral MSON vs. non-MSON <sup>a</sup>	67.4 %	67.3 %
IEPD/IEAD	4% / 4 $\mu\text{m}$	Petzold 2020	MS without MSON vs controls (n=72,120)	82.8% / 86.8%	51.7% / 43.5%
IEAD mGCIPL	1.42 $\mu\text{m}$	Outteryck 2020	CIS patients with vs. without an asymptomatic optic nerve lesion on 3D-DIR MRI	72.6 %	89.3 %
IEPD mGCIPL	2 %	Outteryck 2020	CIS patients with vs. without an asymptomatic optic nerve lesion on 3D-DIR MRI	69.4 %	89.3 %

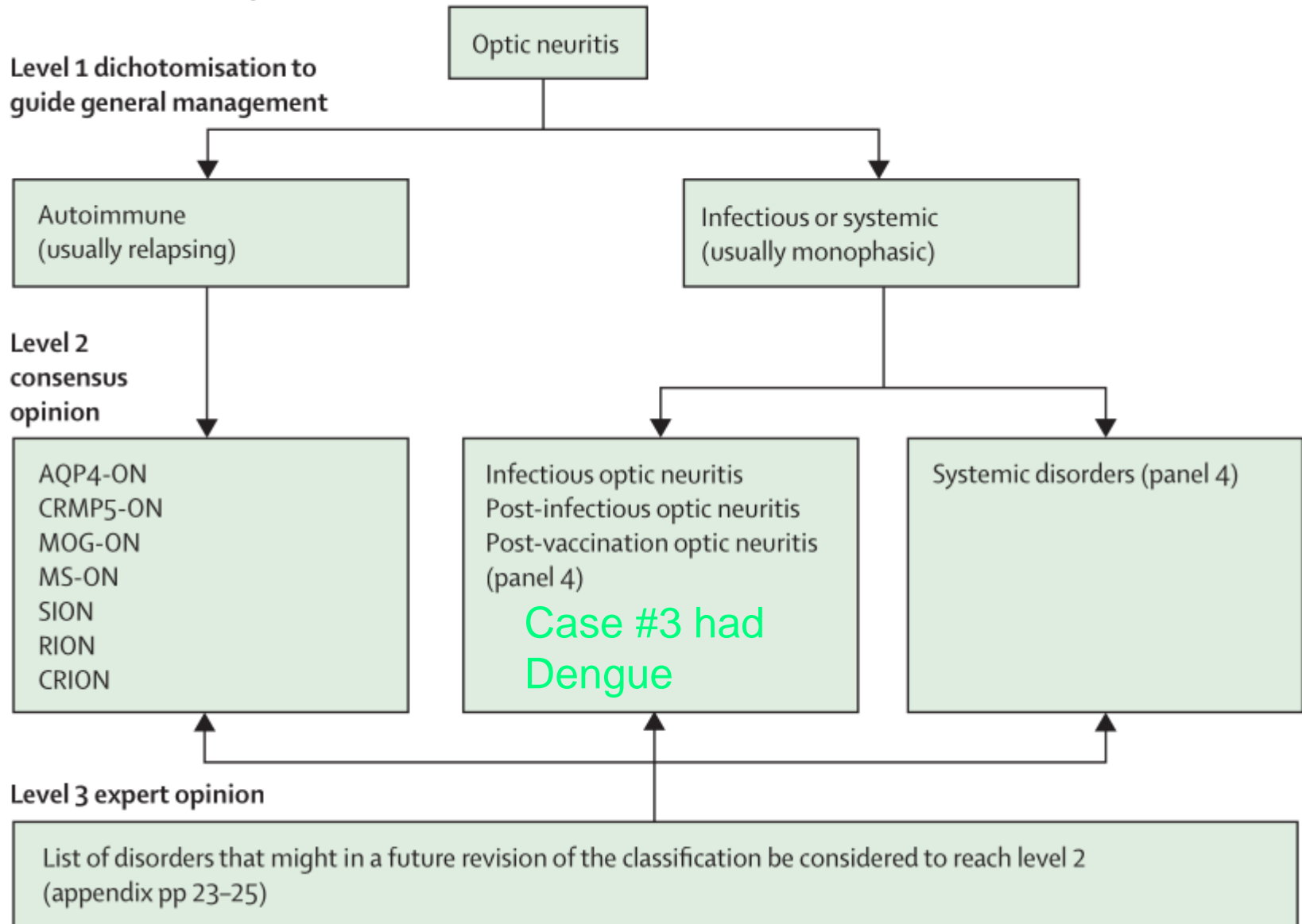
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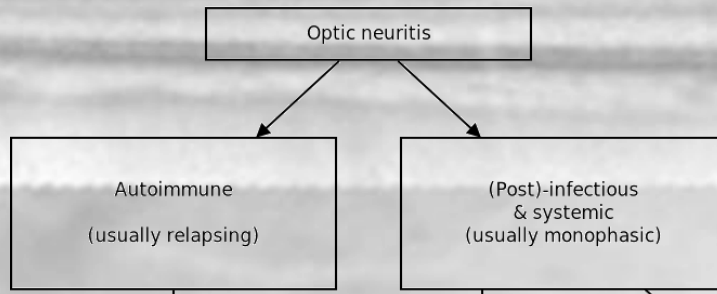


# Classification

## B Classification of optic neuritis



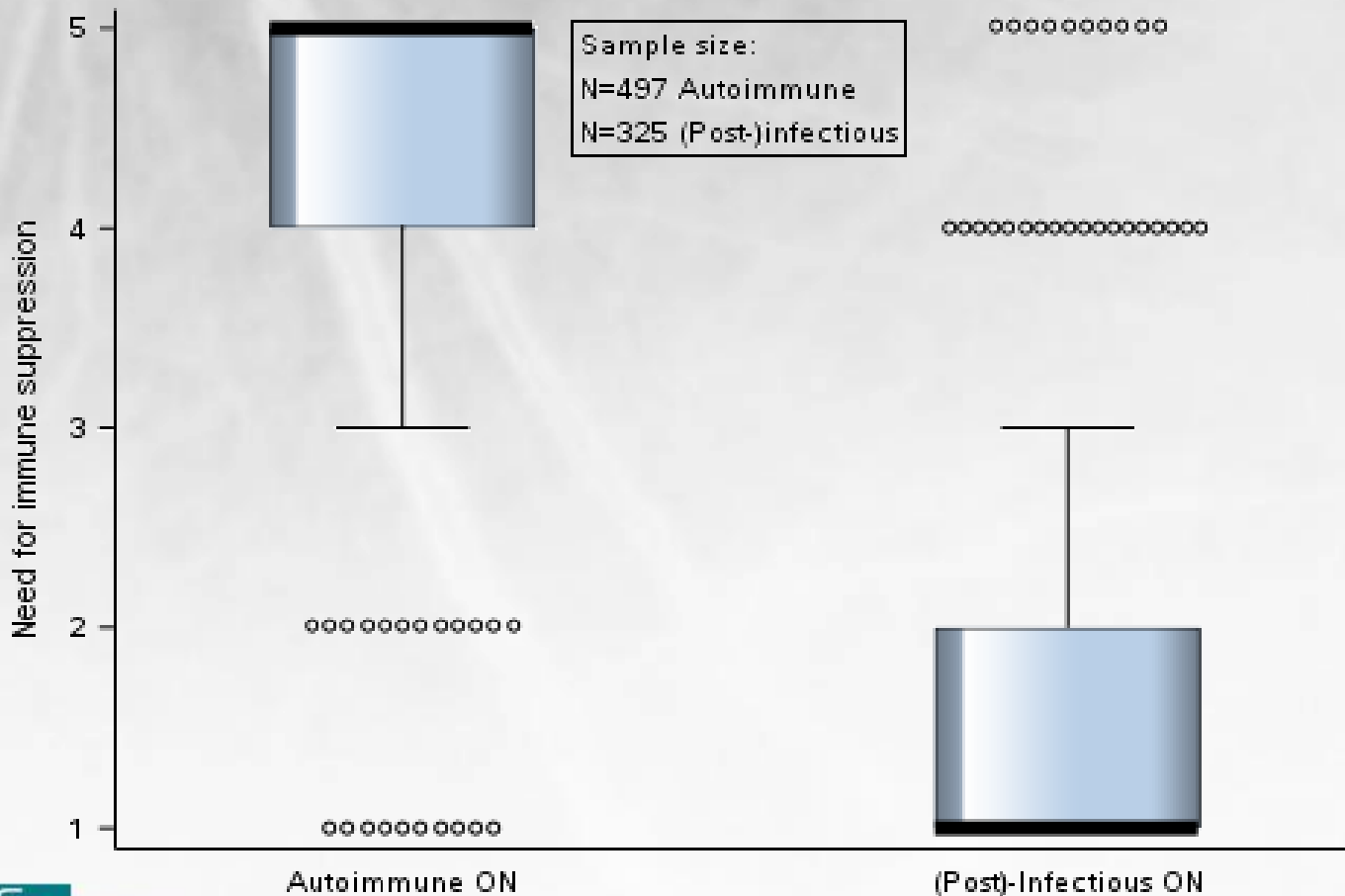
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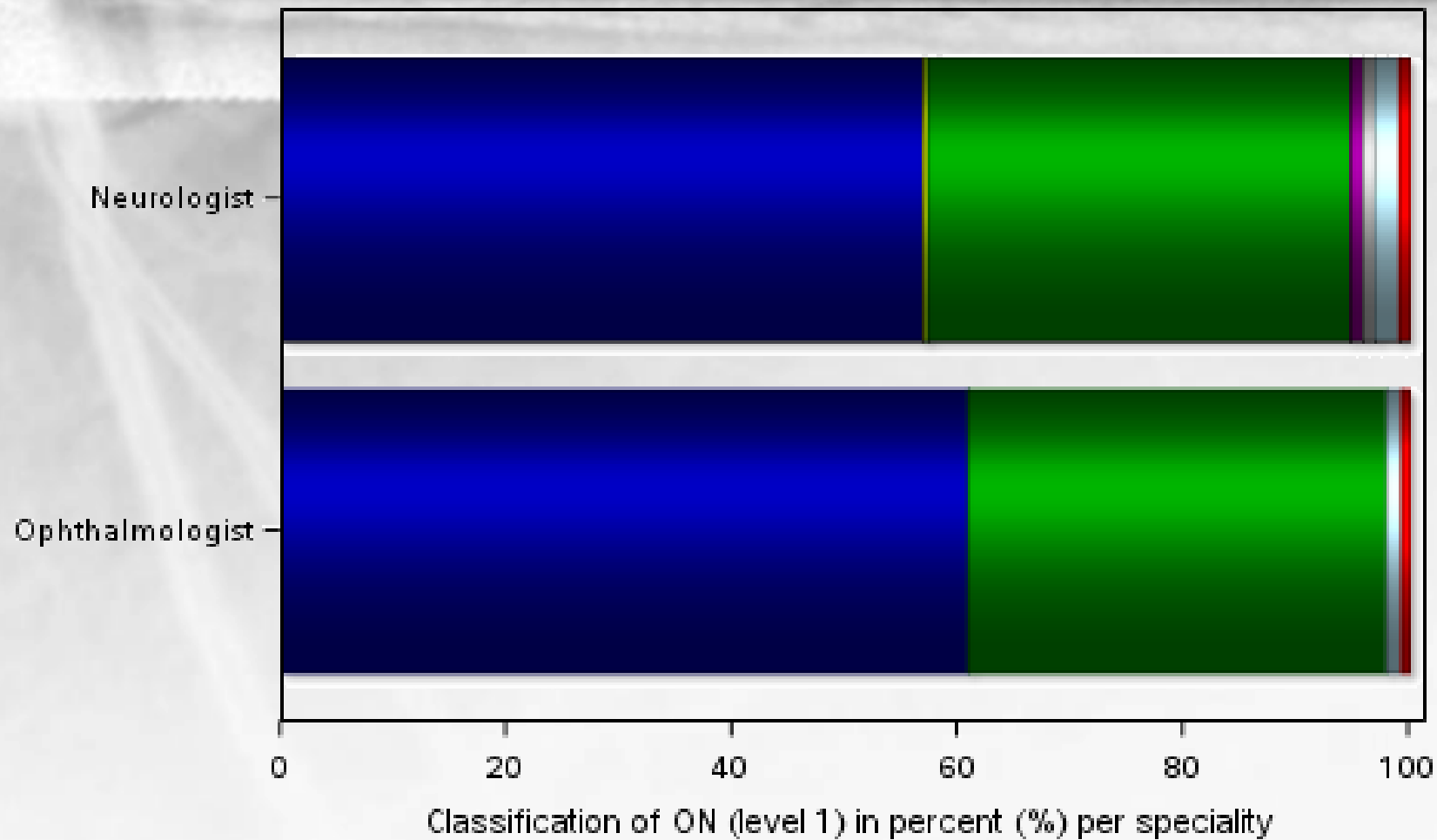
Level 1: 95% agreement

Based on iterative assessments from Delphi rounds 2-21

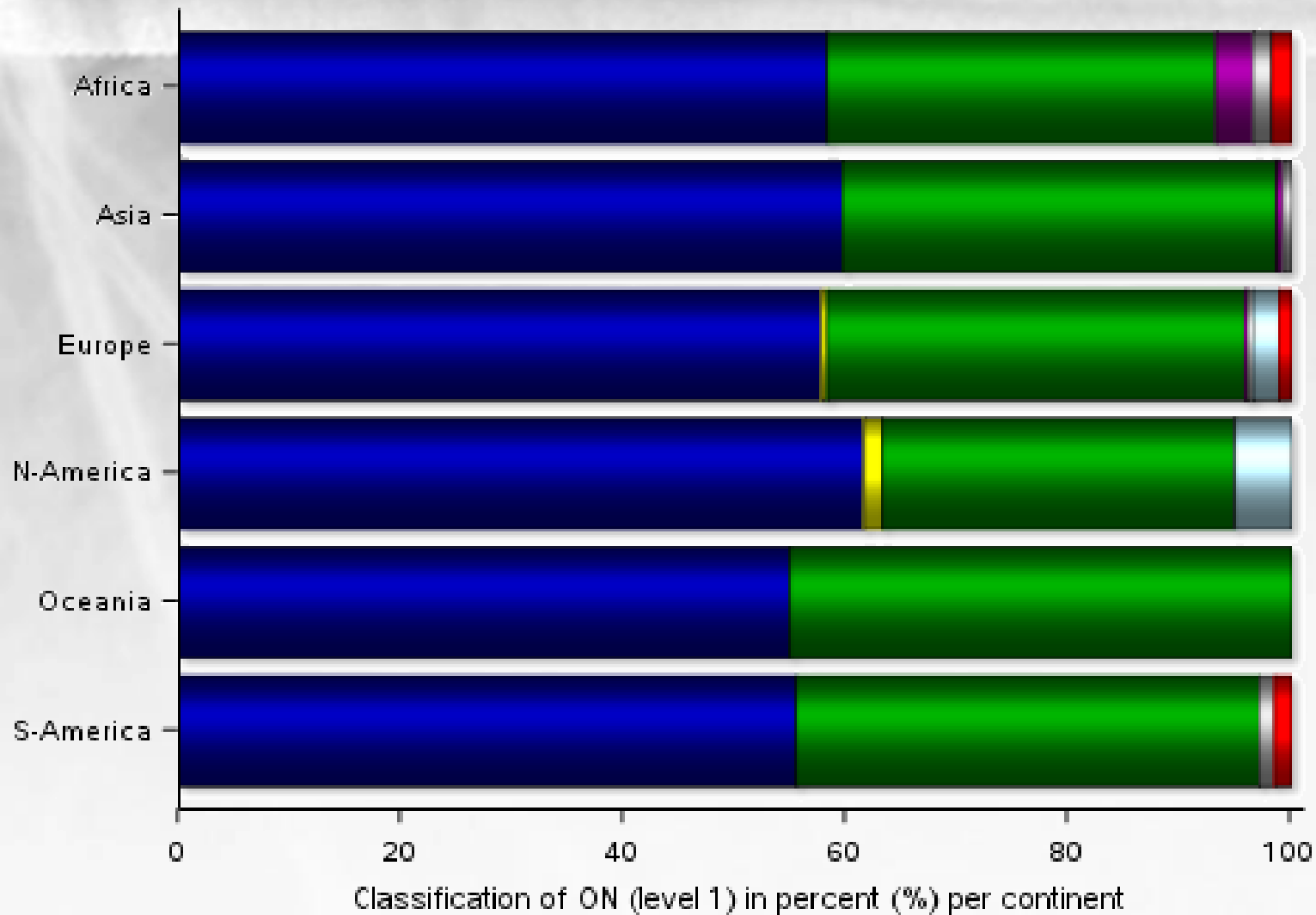
Relevant for patient management



# Agreement: Speciality



# Agreement: Continent





# Cases summary

- Case 1: **MS-ON**

Scenario A: painful, monocular, subacute LOV, dyschromatopsia, RAPD

- Case 2: **NMO-ON**

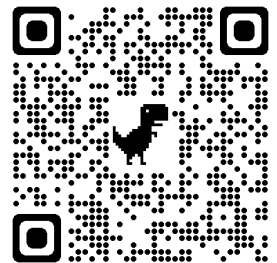
Scenario B: no pain, monocular, subacute LOV, dyschromatopsia, RAPD

- Case 3: **post-infectious ON**

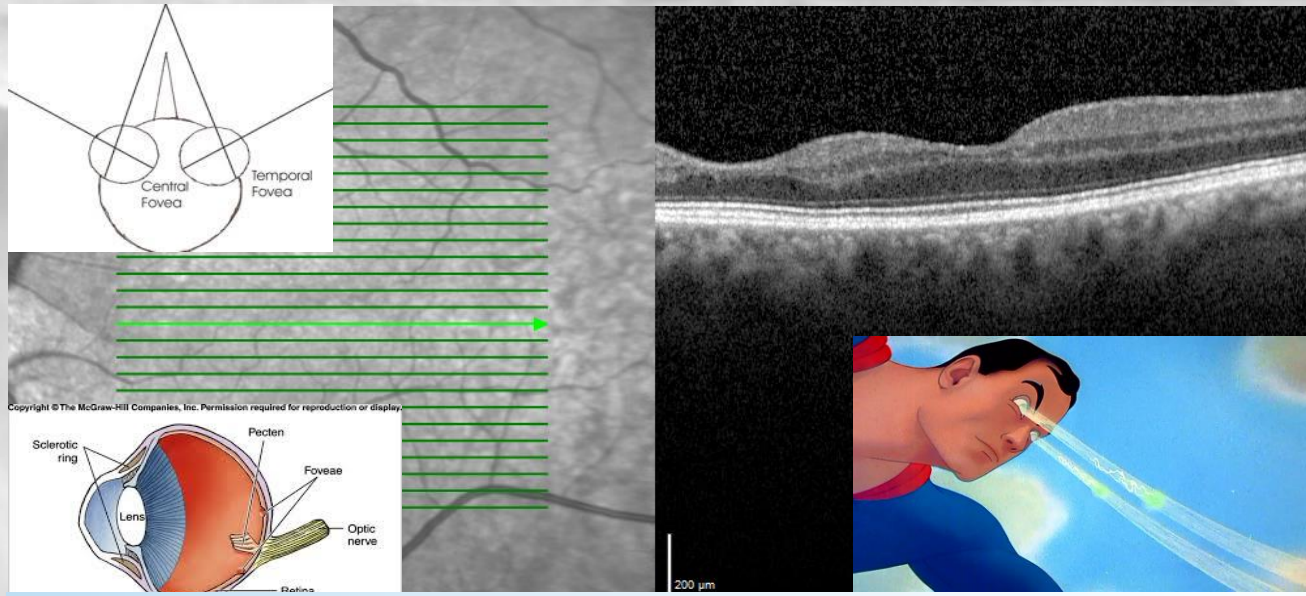
Scenario C: binocular, subacute LOV, dyschromatopsia, no pain, no RAPD

# Overall summary

- Optic Neuritis: Clinical approach
- Novel criteria incorporating OCT (sensitivity 61-100%), MRI (sensitivity 22-44%), biomarker (specificity >95%)
- Novel classification prioritising practical management
- Future revisions planned to optimise diagnostic sensitivity and broaden clinical spectrum



# Dank voor toen en nu



## MS Symposium 2016

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Prima!

De volgende keer dat ik je op 1 april zie, zal ik heel erg goed uitkijken, met al mijn vier foveae...

Groeten, Bob.

Give it a tweed

