

# Neuritis optica met speciale aandacht voor NMO-SD en MOG neuritis

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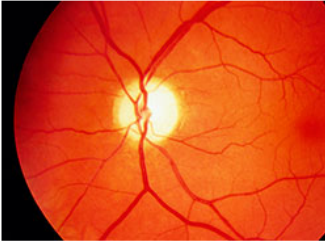
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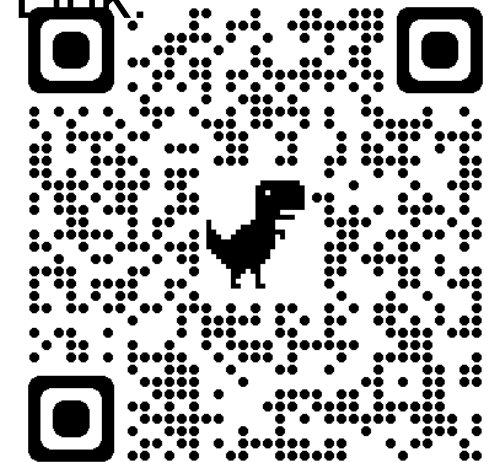
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- 34 year old Caucasian female patient
- 7 day history of pain in the right eye which worsens on eye movements
- Reduced colour vision
- VA RE: 6/9, left eye LE: 6/5
- Right RAPD
- Reports: fatigue, cognitive problems, urinary incontinence, depression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

## 1<sup>st</sup> Case

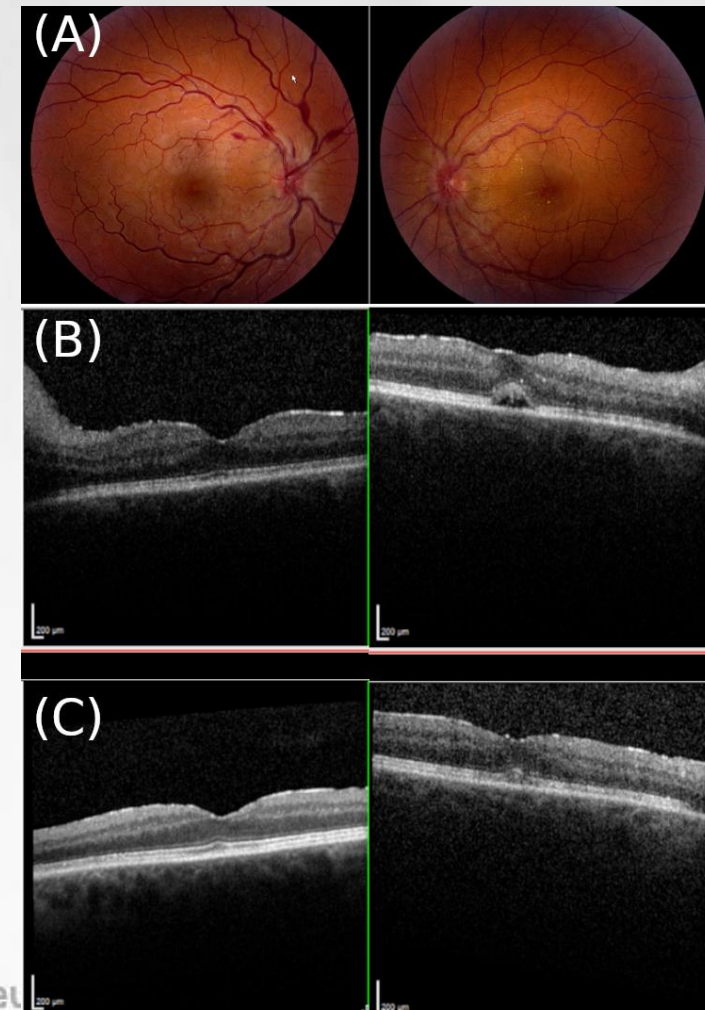
- Bloods all normal except for low Vitamin D at 22 nmol/L (normal 50-200 nmol/L)
- MRI: DIS & DIT  
three Gd+ non-symptomatic lesions
- CSF not done

**What is the most likely diagnosis?**

- 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



- 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

Is this quote still up to date?

“I can't see anything,  
we can't see anything”

# “You & I don't see anything”

- 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
- Do an OCT if you cannot see anything

## Acute unilateral optic neuritis:

- Loss of vision
- Pain worsening on eye movement
- Relative afferent pupillary defect

# RAPD videos

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## Application of diagnostic criteria for optic neuritis – Authors' reply

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A left RAPD

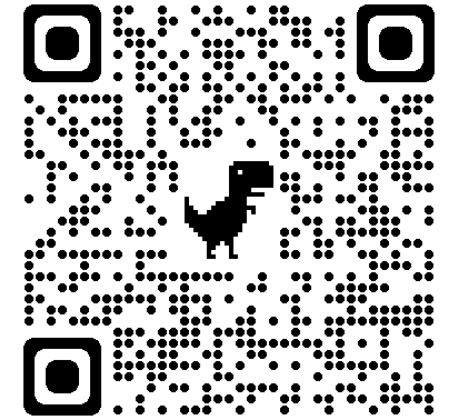


A weaker RAPD  
in a person with  
bilateral optic neuritis

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## What to ask in clinic

### 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:

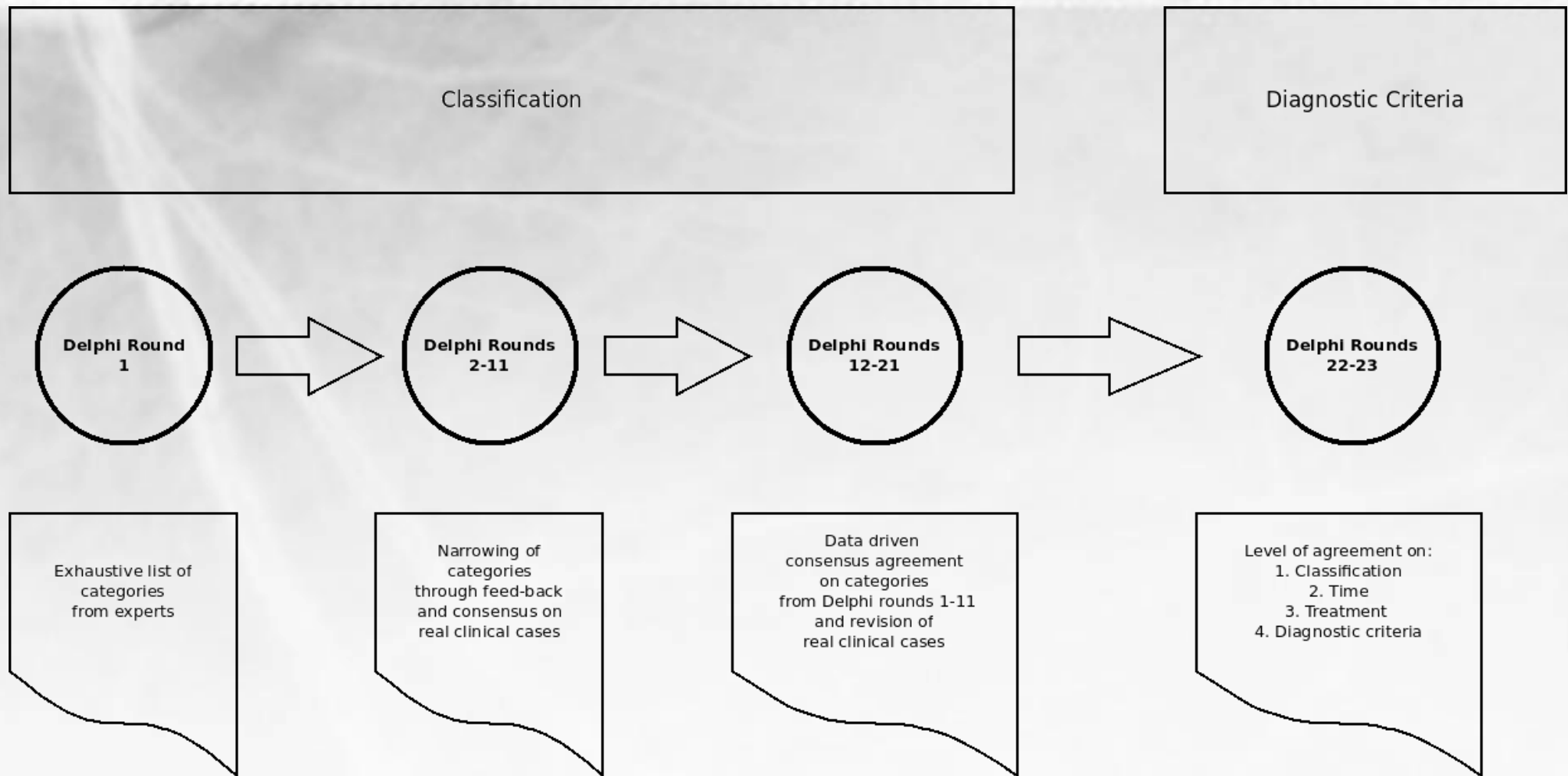
- Medical history of cancer or diseases listed in panel 4
- Family history of a suspected hereditary optic neuropathy
- Family history of other mitochondrial cytopathy



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# Delphi Process

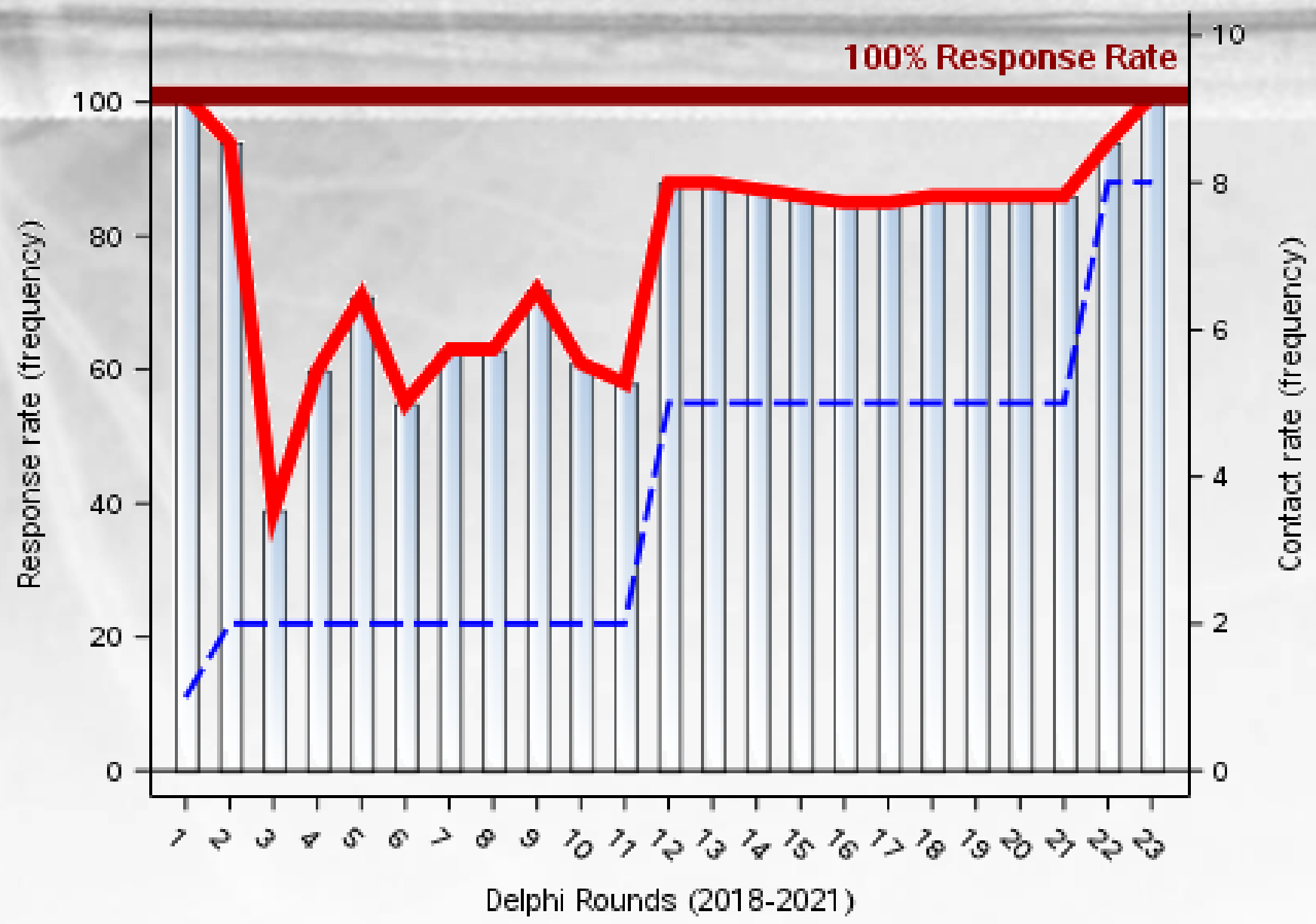


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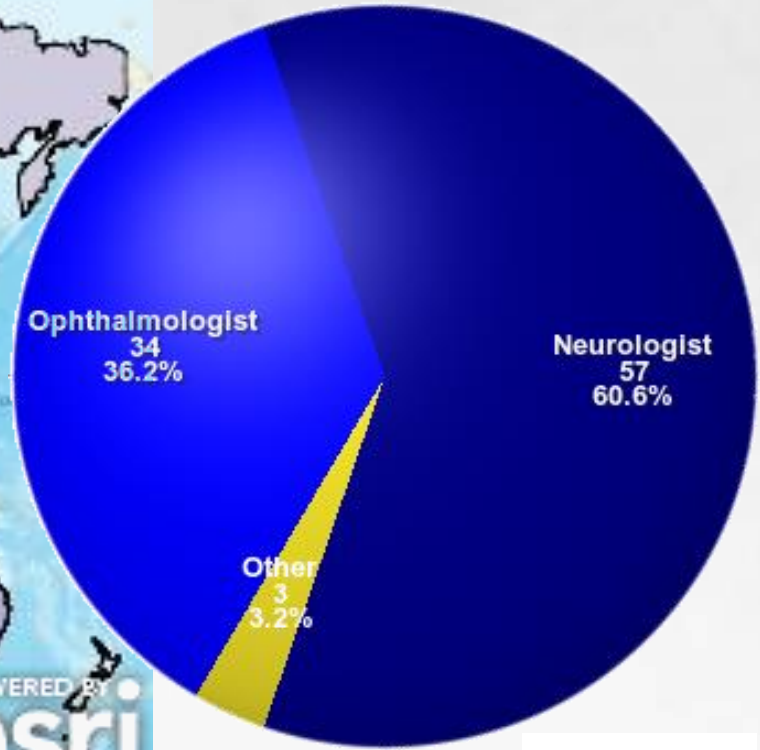
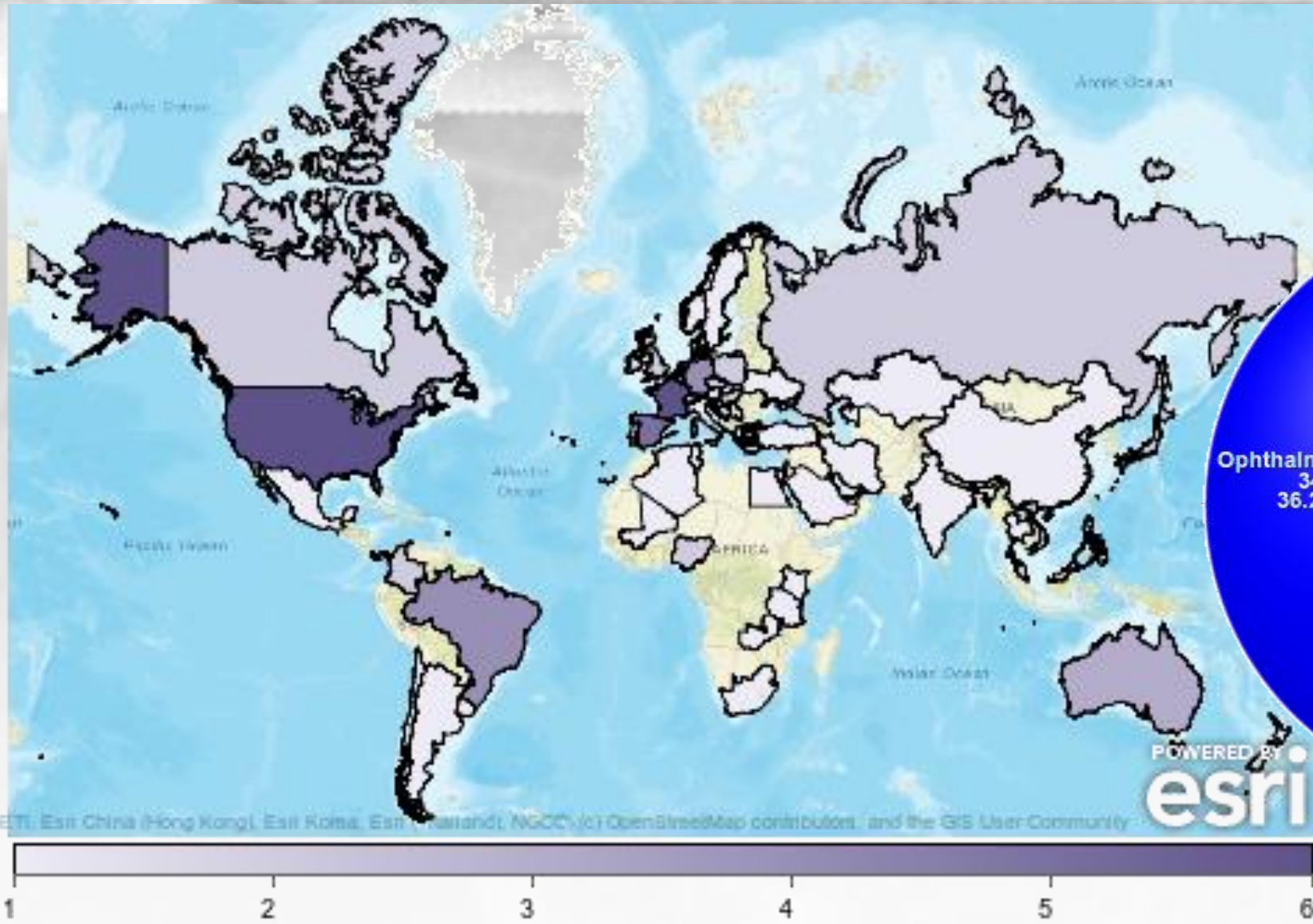
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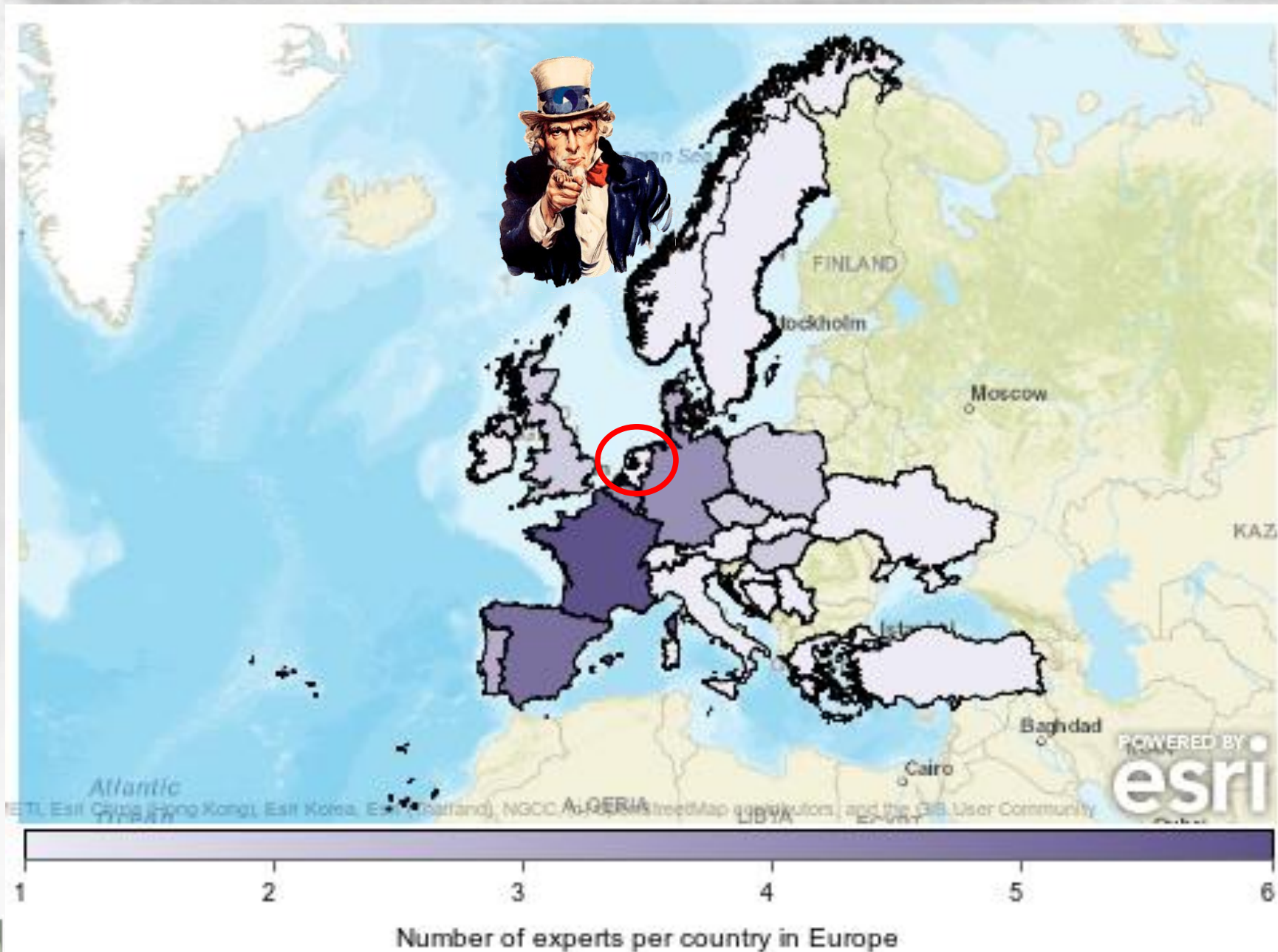
# Delphi (2018-2021)



## The Panel

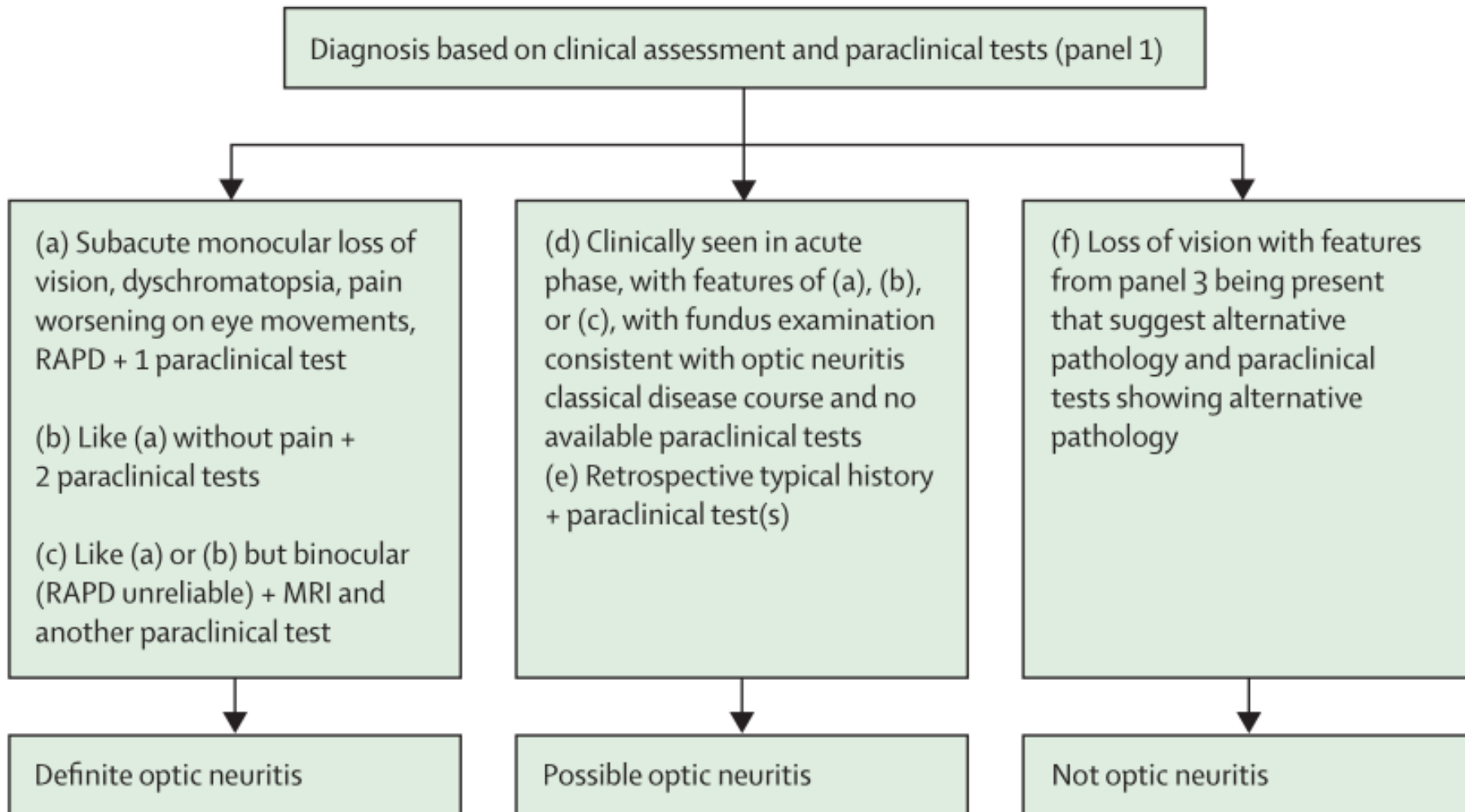


## Oranje heeft jouw nodig



# 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*

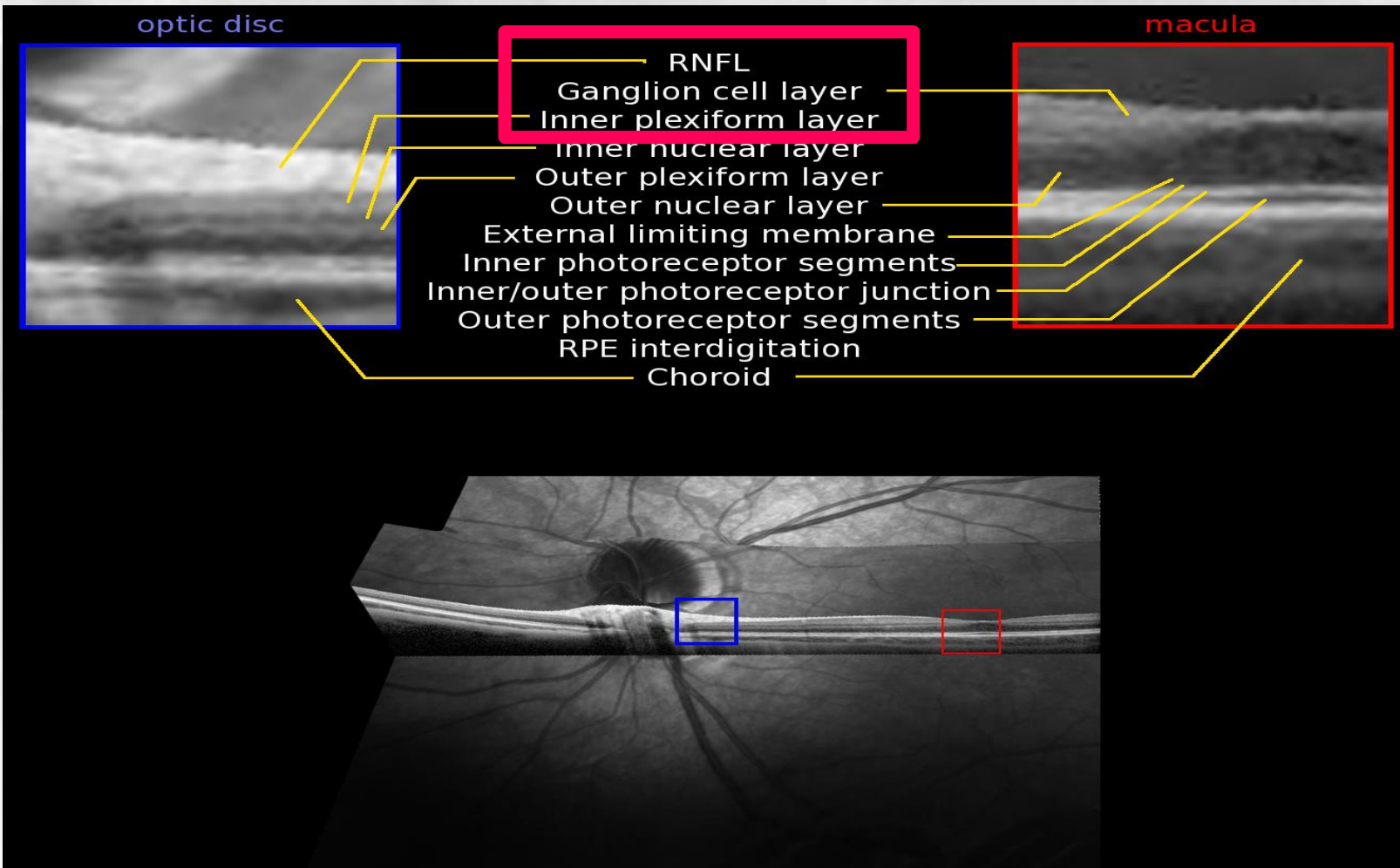
- (A) and one paraclinical test
- (B) and two paraclinical tests of different modality
- (C) and two different paraclinical tests of which one is MRI

#### *Possible optic neuritis*

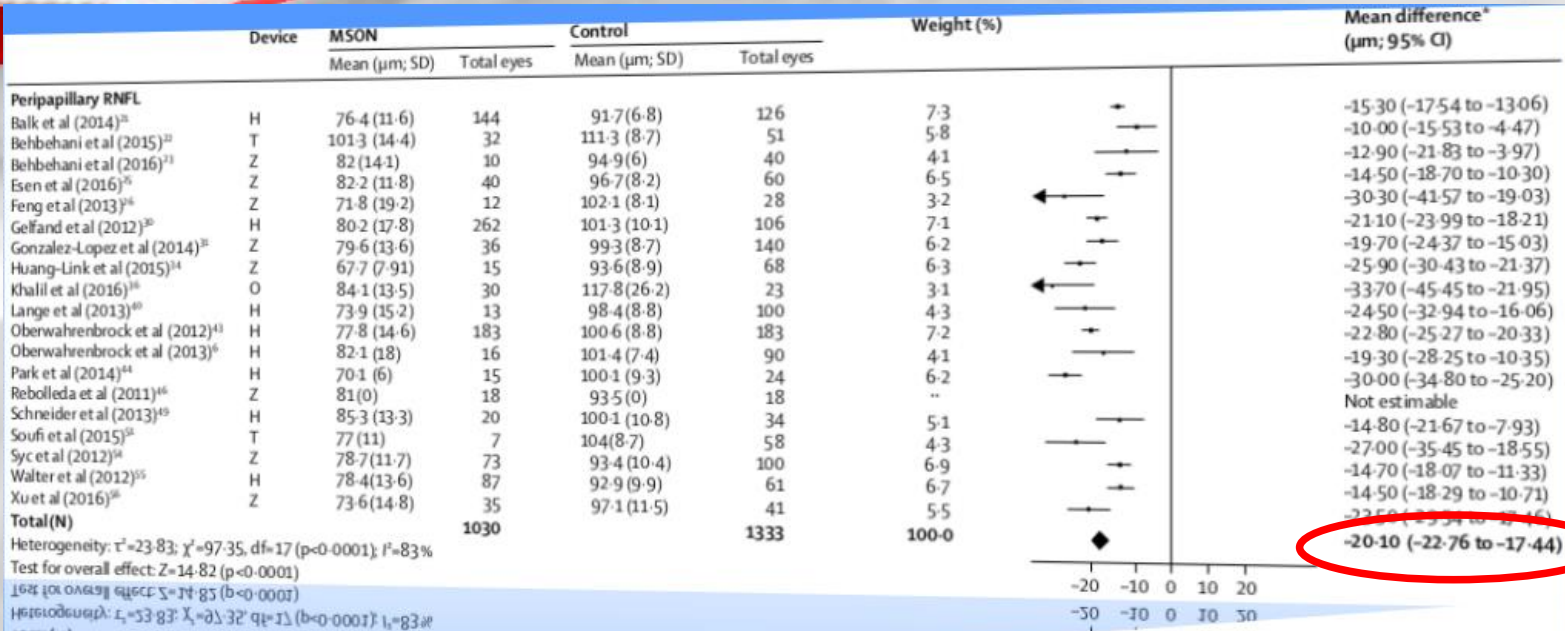
- (A), (B), or (C) if seen acutely but in absence of paraclinical tests, with fundus examination typical for optic neuritis and consistent with the natural history during follow-up
- Positive paraclinical test or tests, with a medical history suggestive of optic neuritis



# OCT



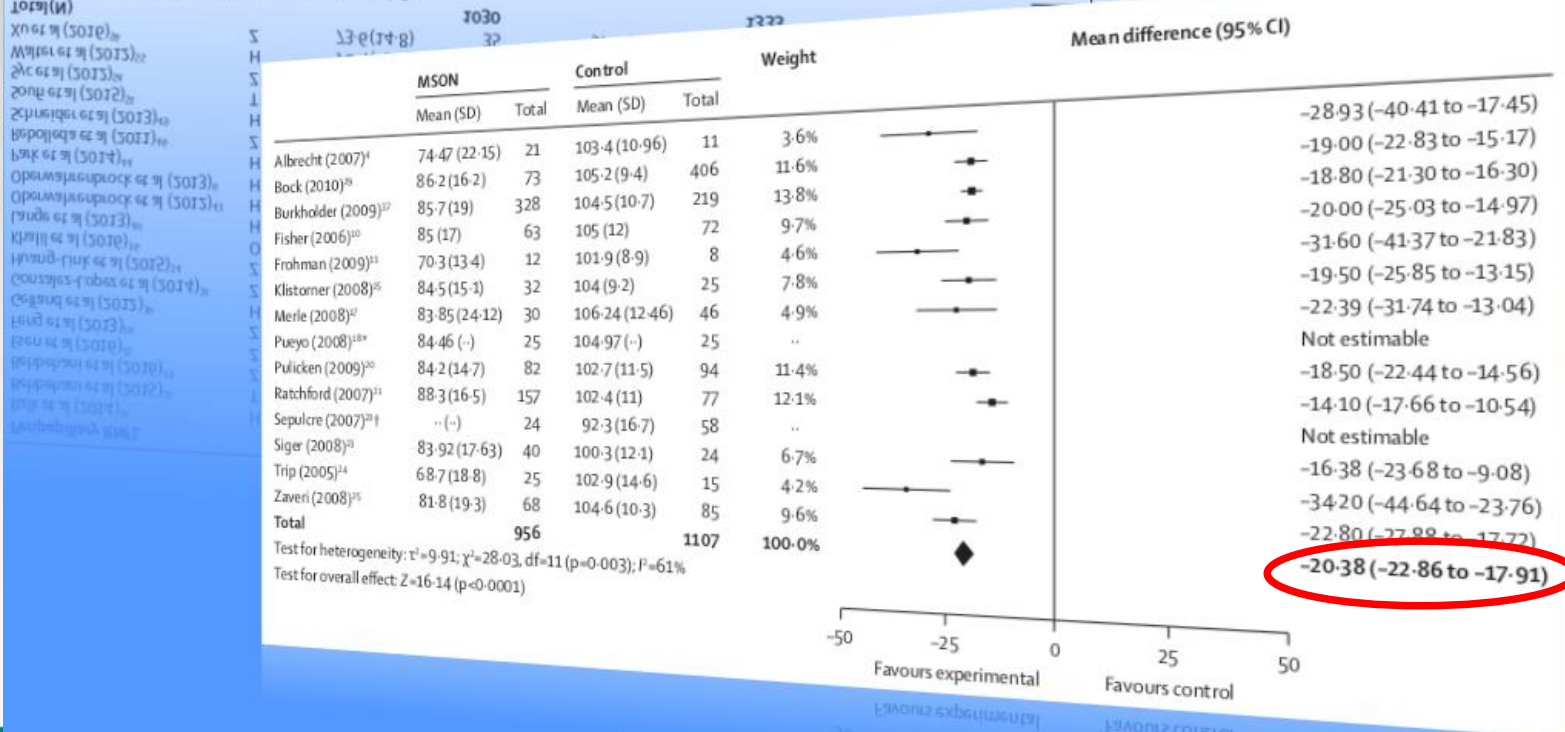
## OCT in MS-ON



pRNFL atrophy

TLN 2010

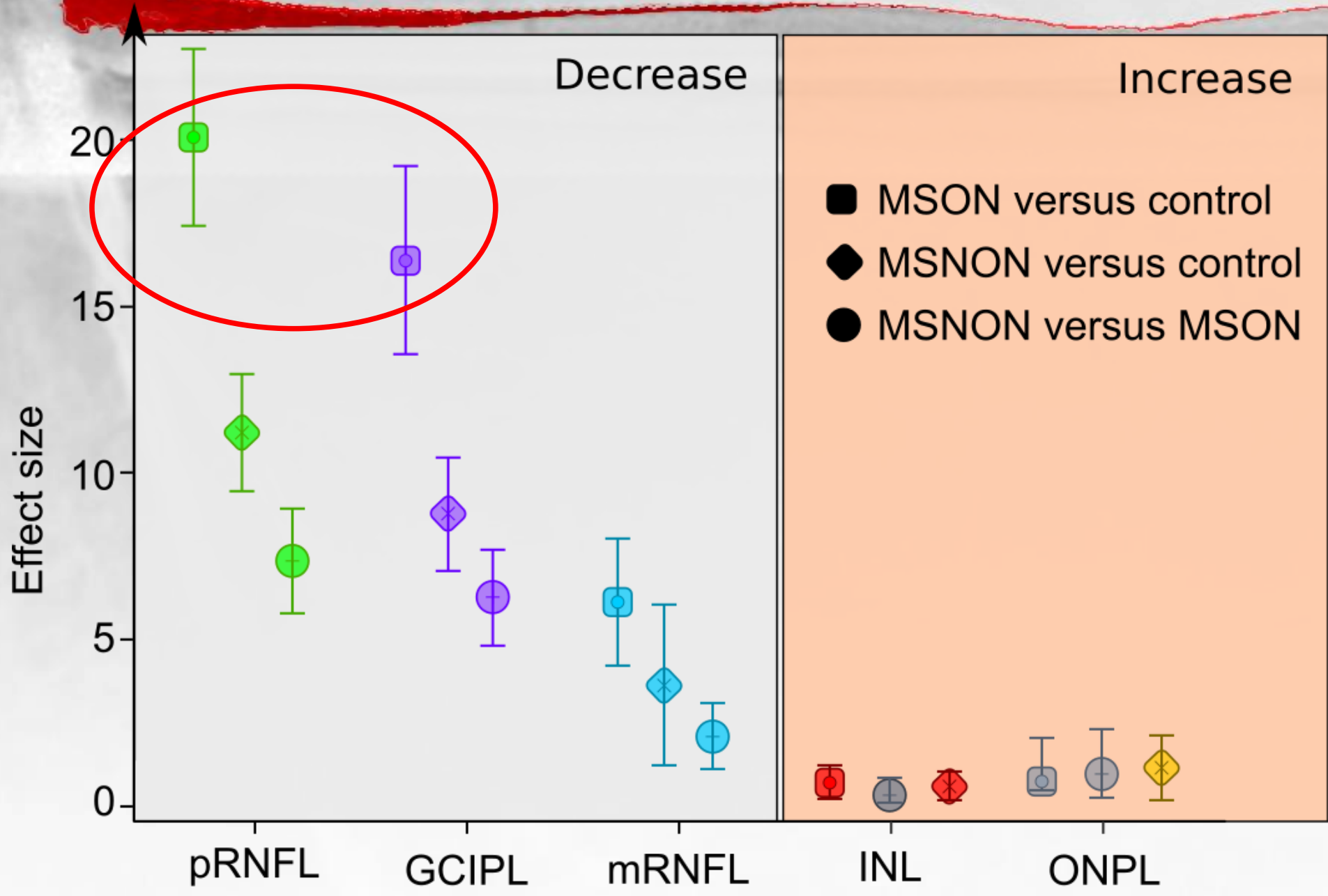
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TLN 2017

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# What is relevant ?

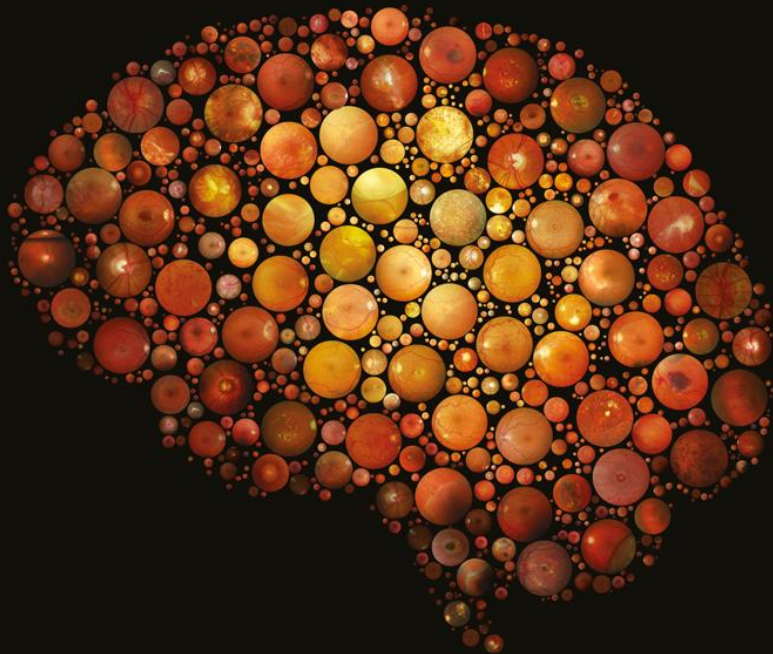




# Retinal asymmetry

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Inter-eye difference:

Percentage difference  
(**IEPD**): %

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

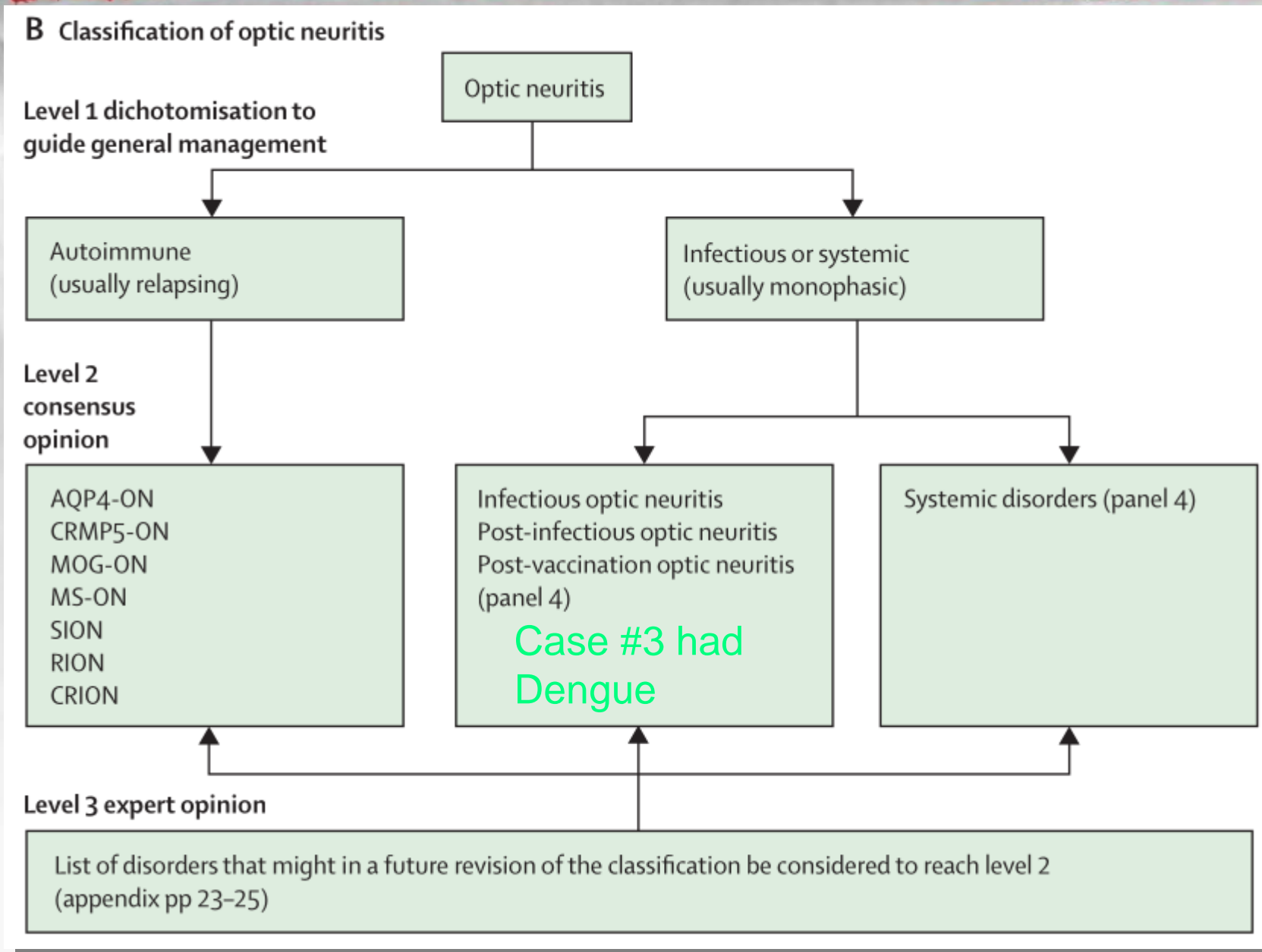
# High diagnostic accuracy

| 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 %        |

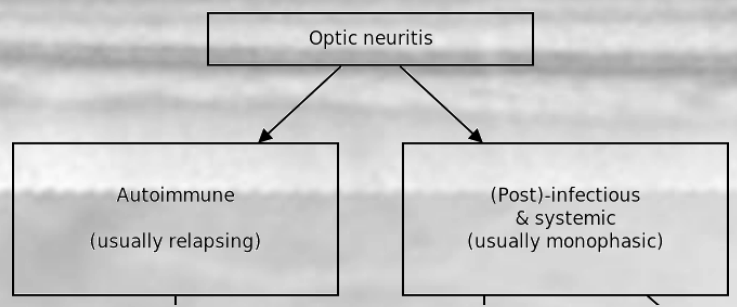
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# Classification



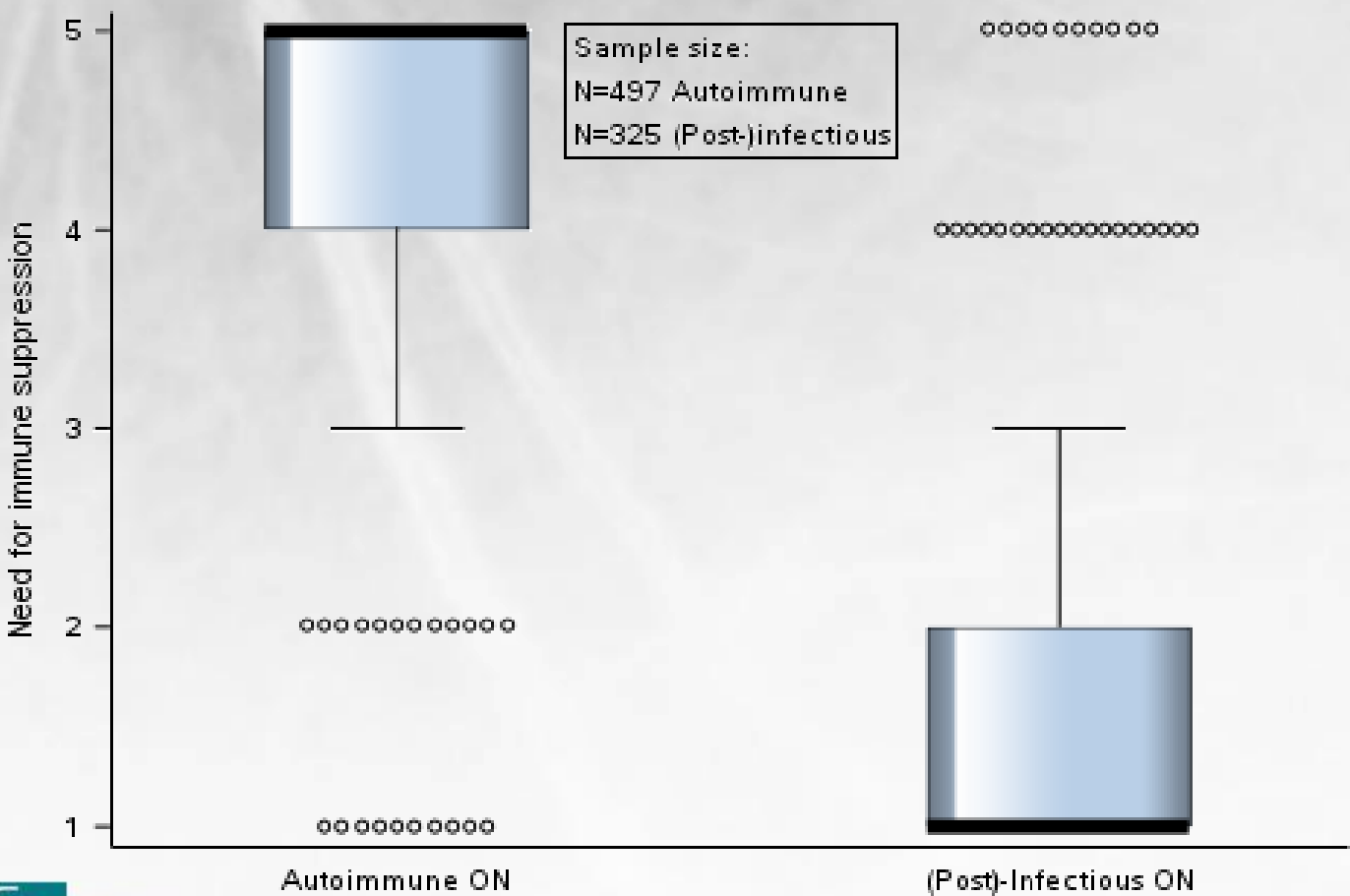
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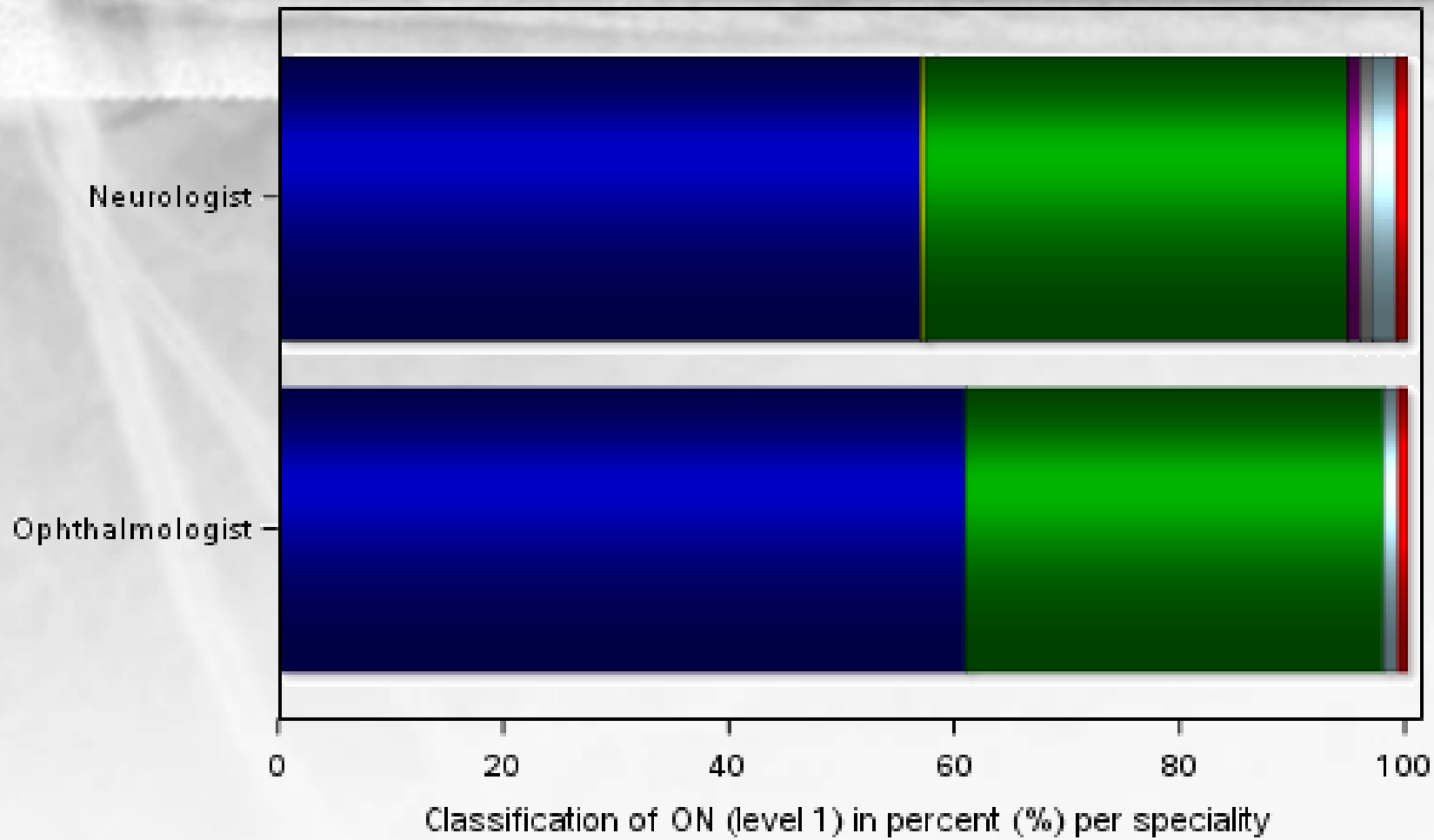
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Based on iterative assessments from Delphi rounds 2-21

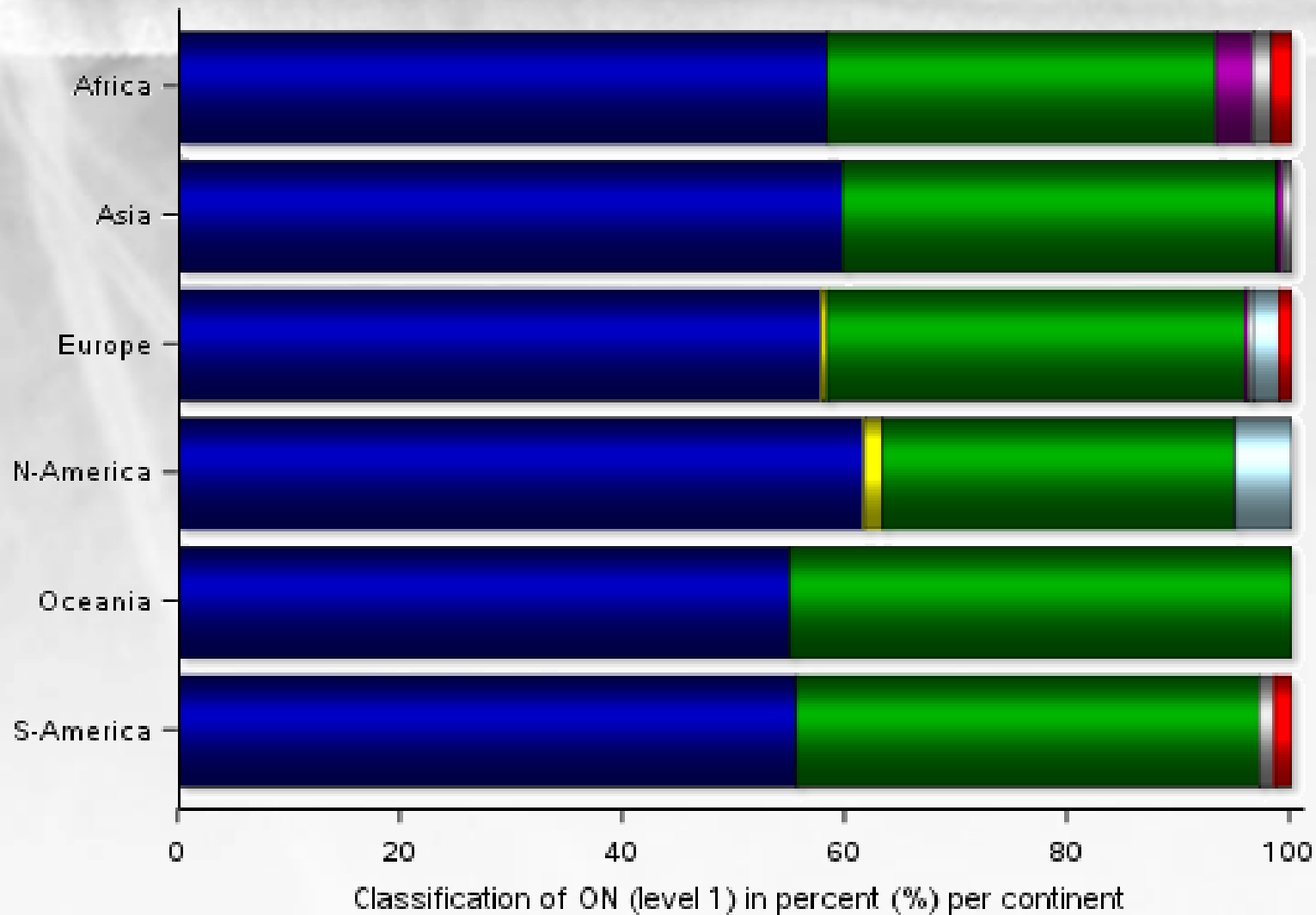
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# Agreement: Speciality



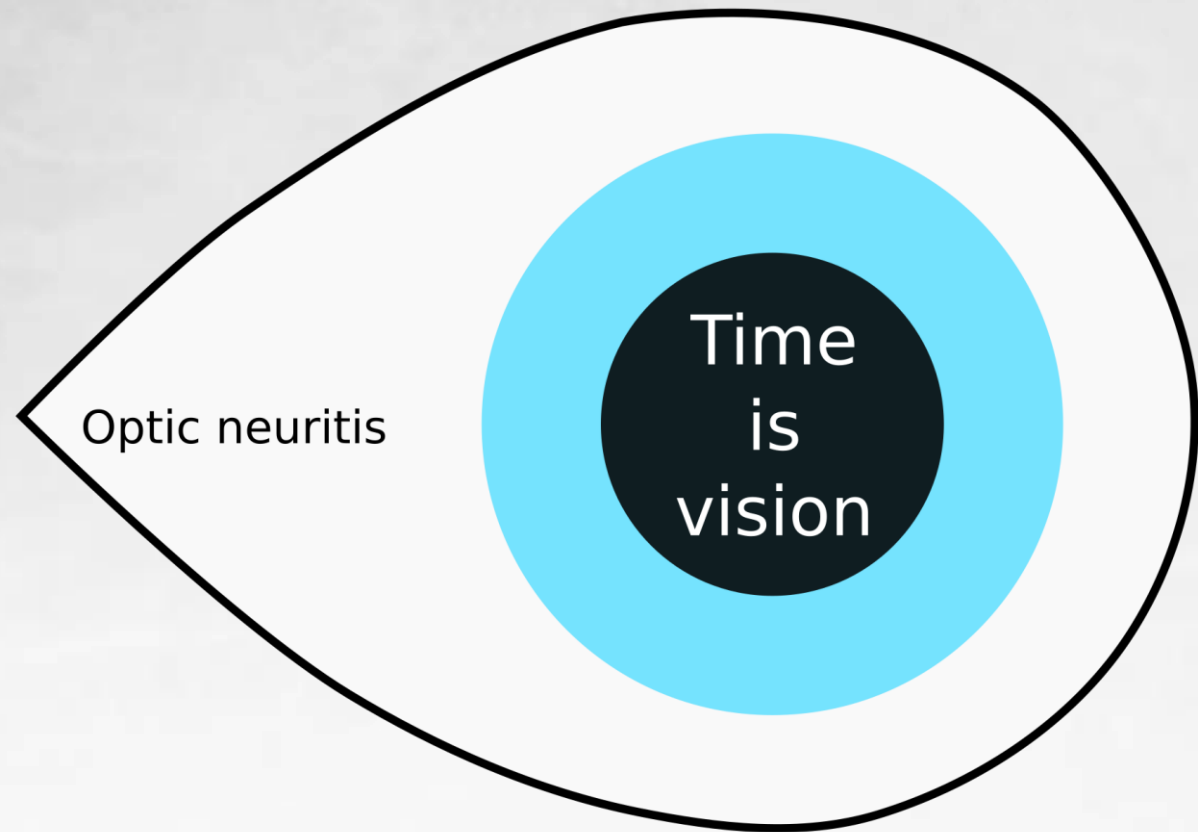
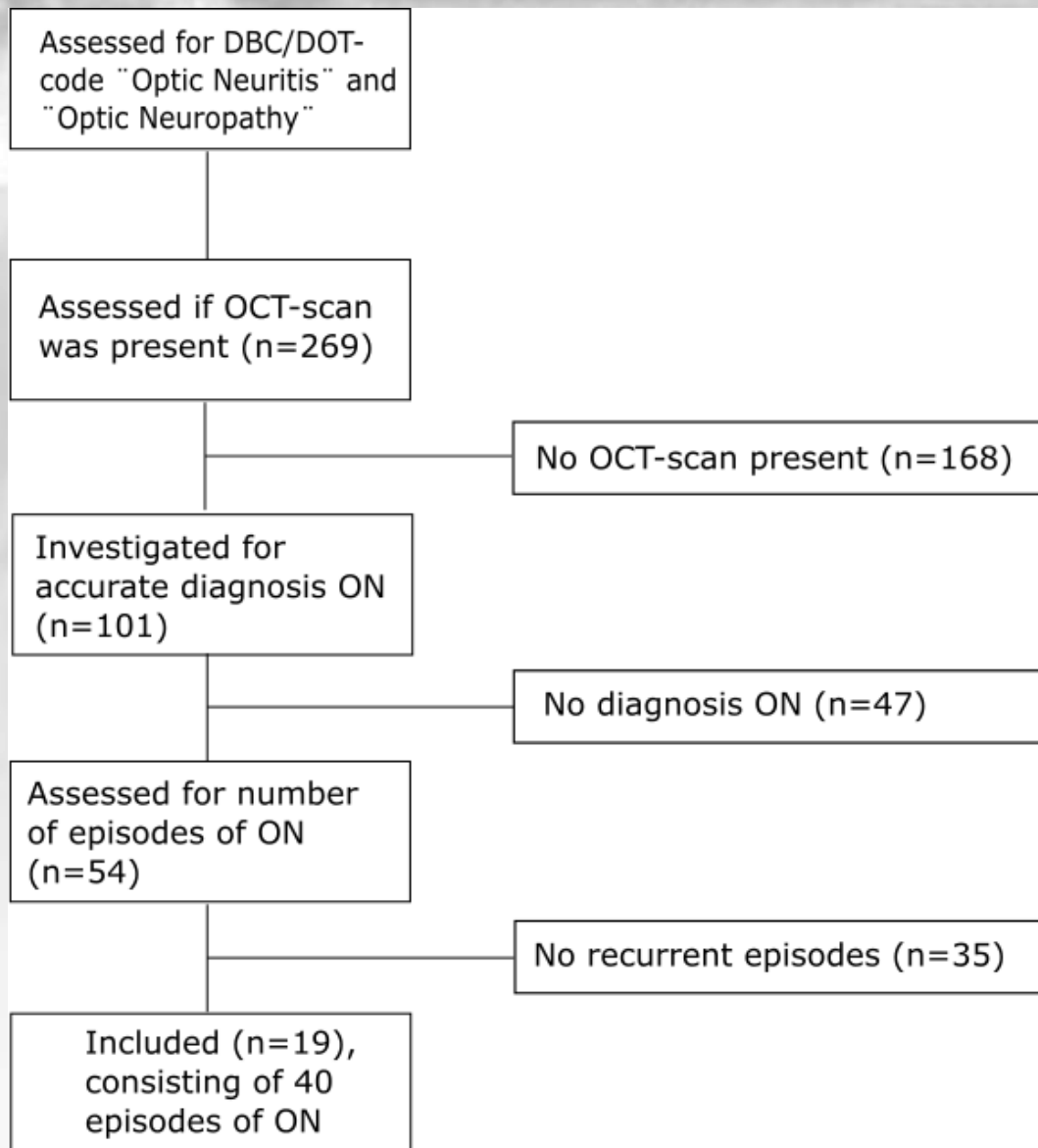
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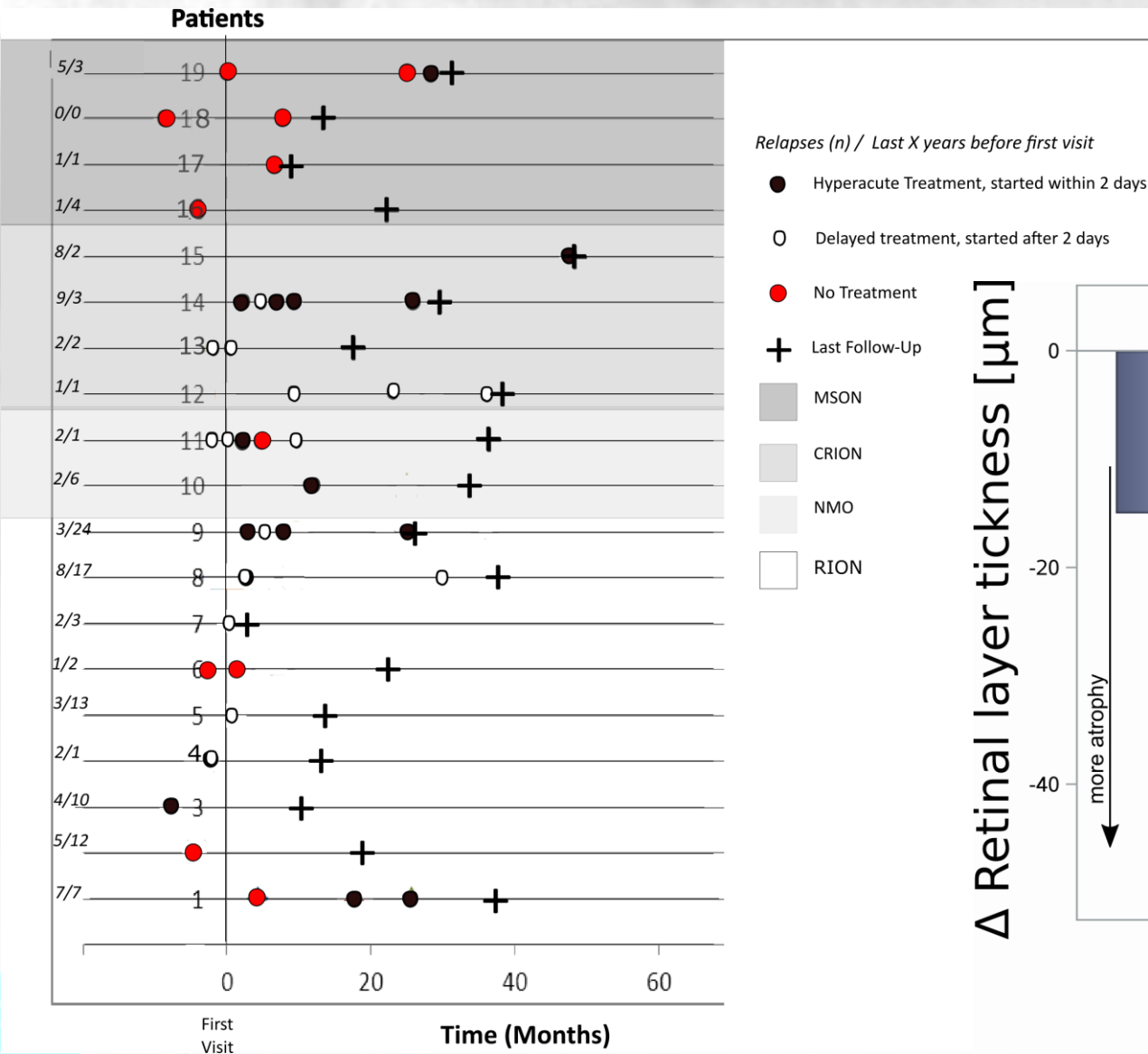


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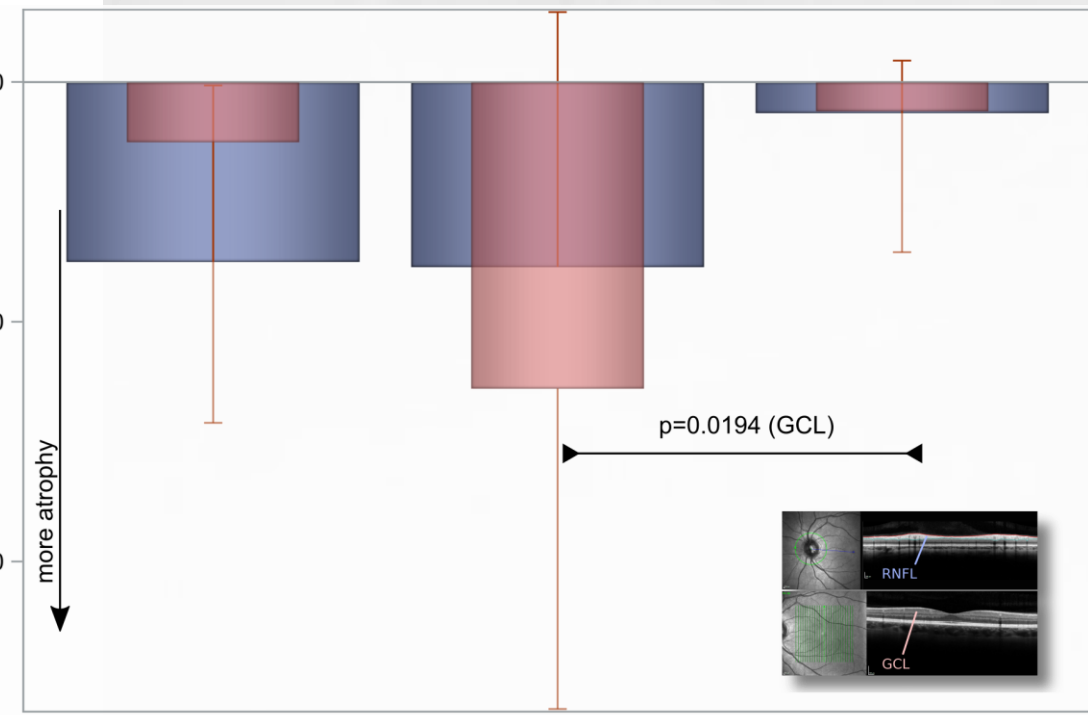
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Δ Retinal layer thickness [μm]



Corticosteroid Treatment

None    Delayed    Hyperacute

# Retinal asymmetry in NMO-ON

**Table 1** Demographic overview

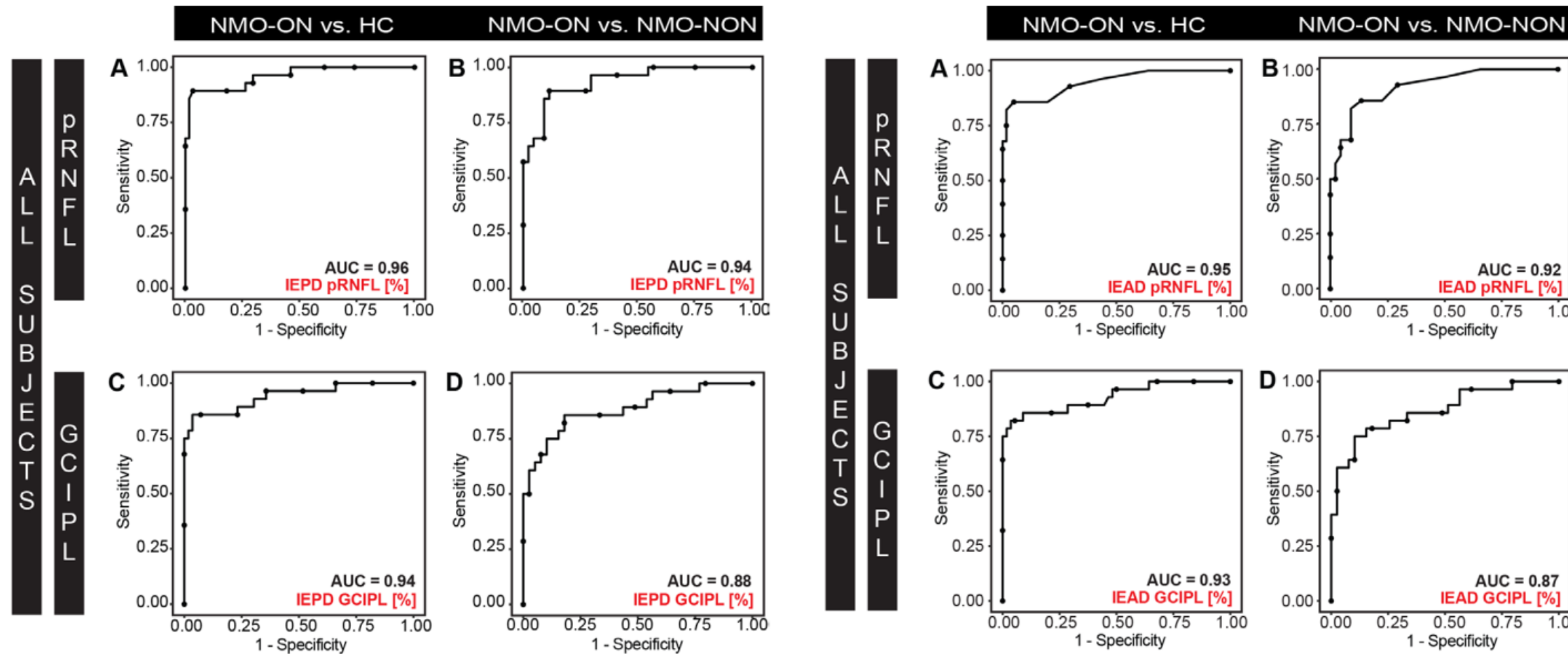
|   | HC        | NMOSD-NON | NMOSD-ON       |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Subjects (n)                                  | 62        | 45        | 28             |
| Eyes (n)                                      | 124       | 90        | 56             |
| Patients with a disease duration <10years (n) | .         | 43        | 21             |
| Patients with ON as first manifestation (n)   | .         | .         | 17             |
| Age (year, mean±SD)                           | 37.7±10.2 | 39.0±10.4 | 38.8±12.1      |
| Sex (male, n (%))                             | 20 (32)   | 2 (4)     | 3 (11)         |
| Time since ON (year, median (min–max))        | .         | .         | 2.8 (0.7–19.5) |
| Time since onset (year, mean±SD)              | .         | 3.8±4.0   | 6.5±5.6        |
| pRNFL thickness (µm, mean±SD)                 | 98.5±9.4  | 98.8±10.8 | 80.7±24.9      |
| pRNFL IEPD (% , mean±SD)                      | 2.7±2.3   | 3.7±4.4   | 28.6±19.9      |
| pRNFL IEAD (µm, mean±SD)                      | 2.7±2.2   | 3.8±4.5   | 27.0±19.8      |
| GCIPL thickness (µm, mean±SD)                 | 79.9±5.3  | 77.6±6.3  | 66.3±13.2      |
| GCIPL IEPD (% , mean±SD)                      | 1.3±1.1   | 2.7±3.5   | 19.0±14.3      |
| GCIPL IEAD (µm, mean±SD)                      | 1.0±0.9   | 2.1±2.9   | 14.1±10.9      |

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# Retinal asymmetry in NMO-ON

IEPD

IEAD



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# Retinal asymmetry in MOG-ON

Baseline (subjects)

|                                 | HC            | MOG           |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| N                               | 33            | 33            |
| Center [N (%)]                  |               |               |
| Berlin                          | 28 (84.8)     | 7 (21.2)      |
| Mangalore                       | 5 (15.2)      | 4 (12.1)      |
| UCL                             | 0 ( 0.0)      | 22 (66.7)     |
| Age [years, mean(SD)]           | 34.33 (11.33) | 38.74 (14.75) |
| Sex [m, N(%)]                   | 16 (48.5)     | 16 (48.5)     |
| Time since ON [years, mean(SD)] | NaN (NA)      | 3.33 (4.07)   |
| IEAD pRNFL [ $\mu$ m]           | 2.70 (2.49)   | 18.31 (23.29) |
| IEPD pRNFL [%]                  | 2.77 (2.61)   | 20.43 (23.35) |
| IEAD GCIPL [ $\mu$ m]           | 2.61 (2.70)   | 15.88 (18.74) |
| IEPD GCIPL [%]                  | 2.92 (2.88)   | 20.37 (20.66) |

<sup>a</sup> MOGAD and HC were matched for age ( $p=0.178$ ) and gender ( $p>0.99$ )

Giulio Volpe et al. (unpublished)

# My 1<sup>st</sup> MOG-ON patient in NL

Hx: bilateral, simultaneous ON as child & < 3seg myelopathy

LOV RE was preceded by severe pain on eye-movements (VAS 6-8/10) & MRI (A)

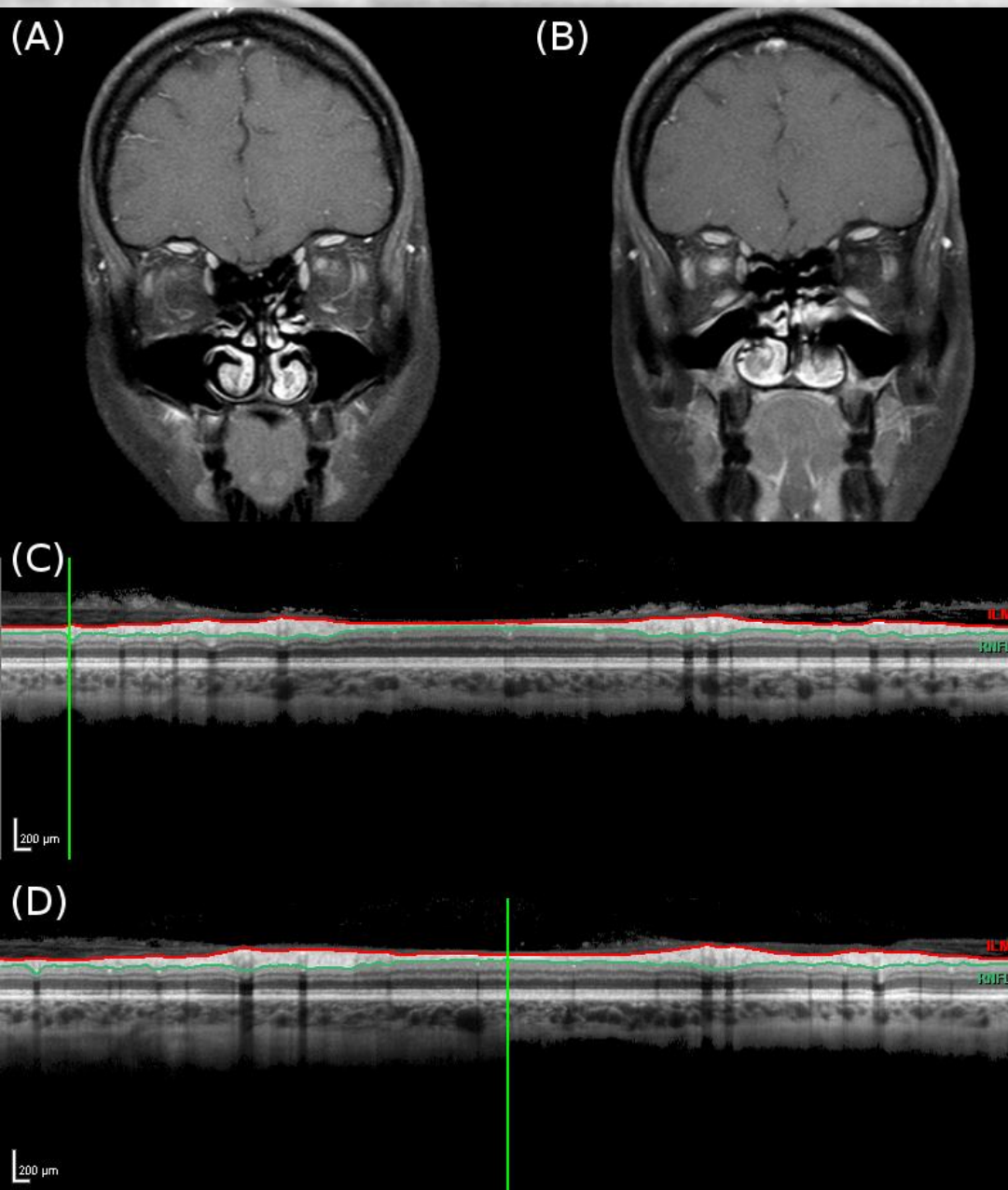
During follow-up LE LOV preceded by pain on eye-movements, MRI (B)

Stabilised with immunosuppression (corticosteroid taper & AZT)

pRNFL RE 59  $\mu\text{m}$  (C)

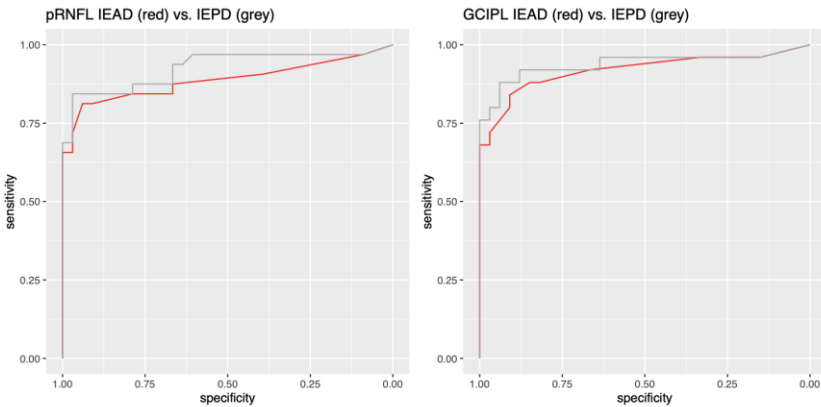
PRNFL LE 64  $\mu\text{m}$  (D)

IEPD = 9.2% (normal < 5%)

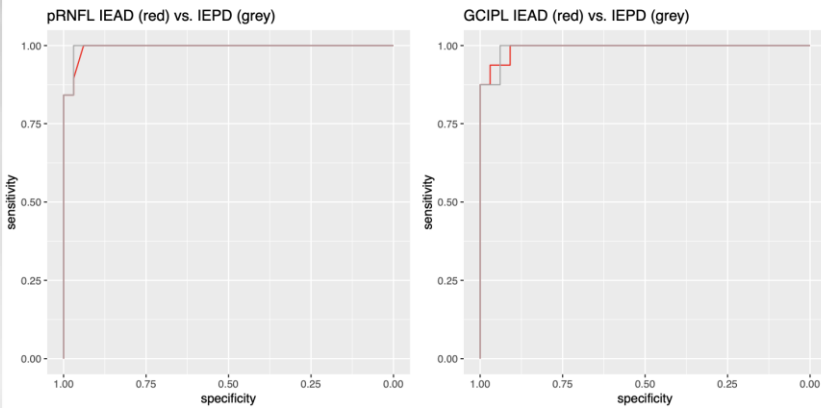


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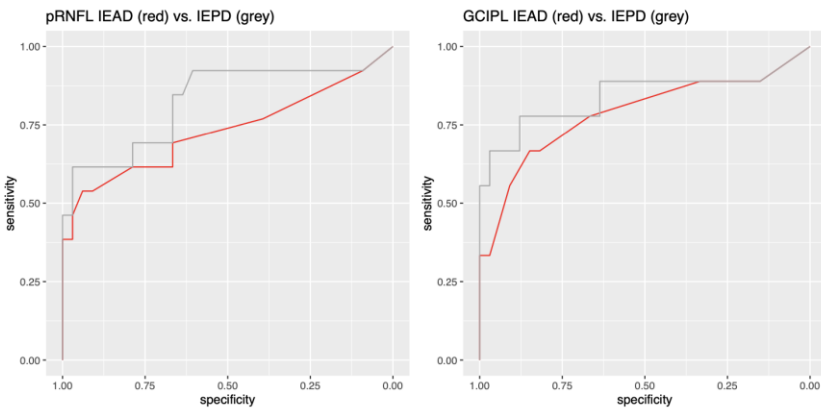
MOG vs HC



MOG unilat. vs HC



MOG bilat. vs HC



## Baseline (eye)

|          | HC              | MOG-ON           |                  |                  |
|----------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|          |                 | pooled           | Unilateral       | Bilateral        |
| <b>N</b> | <b>66</b>       | <b>66</b>        | <b>40</b>        | <b>26</b>        |
| pRNFL    | 95.98<br>(7.91) | 71.03<br>(24.35) | 78.26<br>(23.06) | 60.46<br>(22.63) |
| mGCIP    | 86.48<br>(9.64) | 67.32<br>(19.46) | 75.88<br>(17.61) | 51.61<br>(11.25) |

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## What else is new in ICON 2022

- Consensus on time & disease course
- Isolated ON as from fruste of MS, NMO, MOG
- PPON
- 4 Compartment model
- Pre-laminar ON



# Chronological Classification

- Acute <7 days
- Subacute 7 days to 3 months
- Chronic >3 months

# Disease course classification

- Monophasic
- Spontaneously relapsing
- Immune suppression dependent relapsing
- Progressive

# Isolated MS-ON

## MS-ON

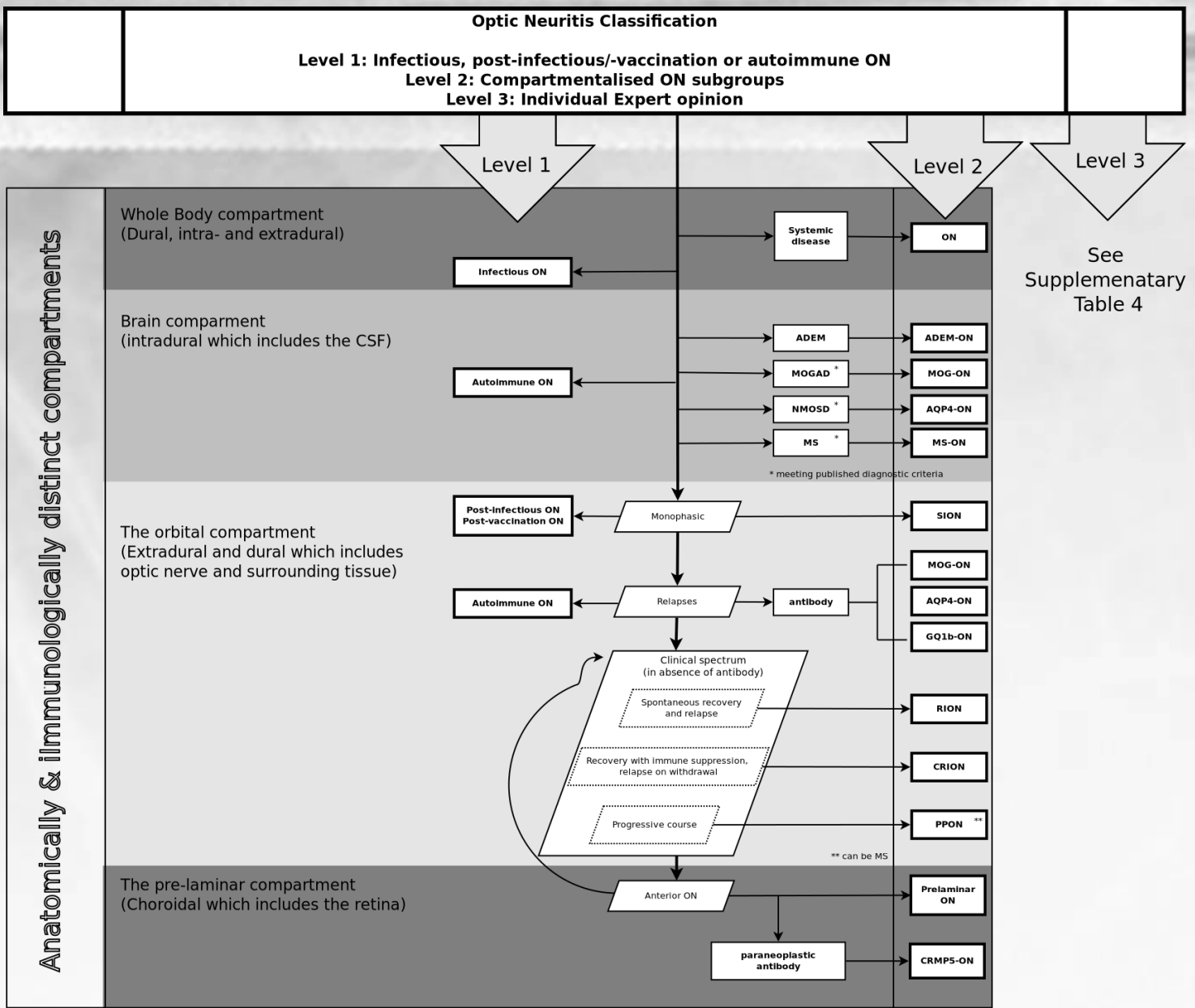
Multiple sclerosis associated optic neuritis as the first presentation of a clinical isolated syndrome with MRI or CSF findings compatible with multiple sclerosis; can also occur as a multiple sclerosis relapse. Isolated MS-ON is a forme fruste of multiple sclerosis.

# Primary progressive ON

## PPON

Primary progressive optic neuritis. Diagnosis requires progressive atrophy or progressive visual loss, or both for >12 months. Diagnosis of PPON is based on time and applies to all subforms of ON that present with a progressive rather than a relapsing disease course.

# Compartment model



# 4 compartments

## Compartment

An anatomically and immunologically defined space as relevant to pathogenesis of optic neuritis:

- dural, intradural, and extradural (whole body)
- intradural (including CSF compartment)
- extradural and dural (includes optic nerve sheath and surrounding tissue)
- choroidal (includes retina and uveal tract)

Antibody production can be intradural, extradural, or choroidal, and the target antigen can be limited to one or more compartments.

## Pre-laminar ON

### Prelaminar optic neuritis

The most anterior manifestation of optic neuritis, which involves the non-myelinated retinal axons and ganglion cell layer and which remains restricted to the prelaminar optic nerve. Acutely, the MRI of the retrobulbar optic nerve does not show an abnormality. Prelaminar optic neuritis is an anatomically based description that applies to all subforms of optic neuritis.

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## Cases summary

- Case 1: **MS-ON**

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

- Case 2: **NMO-ON**

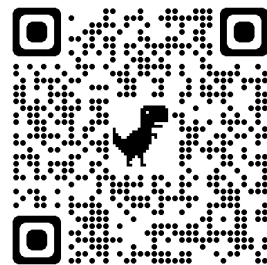
Scenario B: no pain, monocular, subacute LOV, dyschromatopsia, RAPD

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

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

# Overall summary

- Optic Neuritis: Clinical approach
- ICON 2022 Diagnostic Criteria incorporating OCT (sensitivity 61-100%), MRI (sensitivity 22-44%), biomarker (specificity >95%)
- ICON 2022 Classification prioritising the practical management
- Validation studies of the ICON 2022 criteria in NMO-ON, MOG-ON



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