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The ICON 2022 Diagnostic Criteria for Optic Neuritis

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Executive Summary

Optic neuropathies can reflect a wide range of pathophysiologies, both acquired and inherited. This Series provides an update on the clinical, imaging, and laboratory findings that differentiate these disorders, allowing clinicians to focus their diagnostic studies and optimise treatments. Multimodality optic nerve imaging—including fundus photography, optical coherence tomography, and MRI—has greatly advanced the diagnosis and follow-up of patients with optic neuropathies. Also reviewed in this Series, new evidence shows that optic neuritis can frequently indicate autoimmune neurological disorders, including multiple sclerosis and the recently recognised disease categories of aquaporin-4 antibody-associated neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder and myelin-oligodendrocyte glycoprotein antibody-associated disease. Early clinical recognition of optic neuritis is, therefore, important for prognosis and treatment. Also reviewed in the Series, a unifying feature in the pathophysiology of hereditary disorders of the optic nerve is mitochondrial dysfunction. Treatments are emerging for optic neuropathies, including immunotherapies and genetic therapies.

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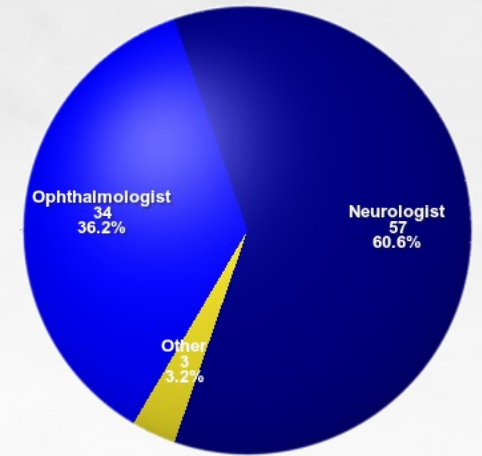
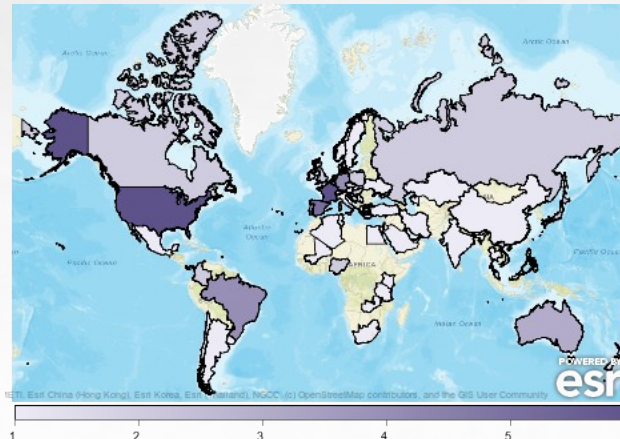
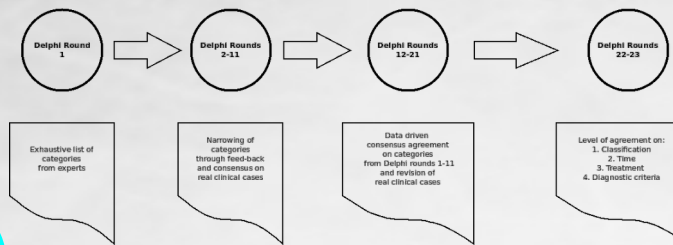
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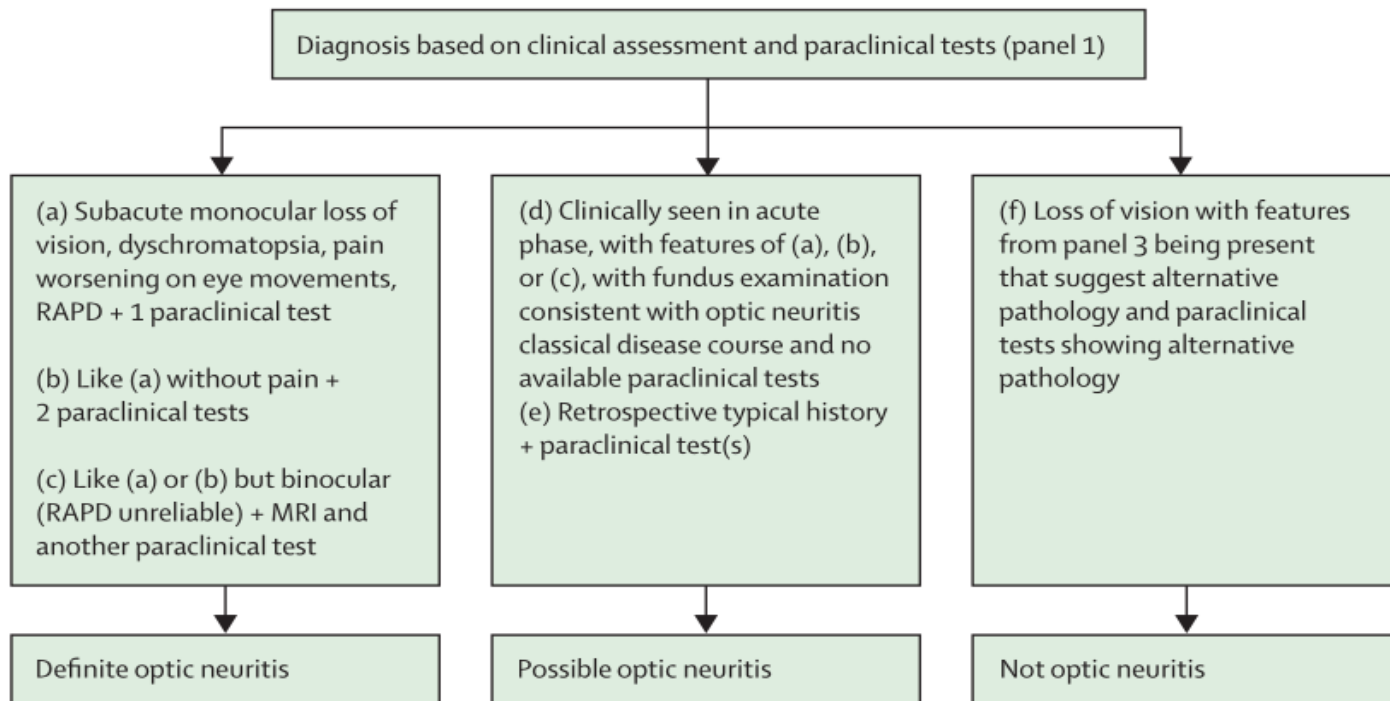


Definition of consensus
>80% expert agreement



ICON 2022 Diagnostic Criteria

A Diagnosis of optic neuritis



ICON 2022 Classification

B Classification of optic neuritis

Level 1 dichotomisation to guide general management

Optic neuritis

Autoimmune
(usually relapsing)

Infectious or systemic
(usually monophasic)

Level 2
consensus
opinion

AQP4-ON
CRMP5-ON
MOG-ON
MS-ON
SION
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Infectious optic neuritis
Post-infectious optic neuritis
Post-vaccination optic neuritis
(panel 4)

Systemic disorders (panel 4)

Level 3 expert opinion

List of disorders that might in a future revision of the classification be considered to reach level 2
(appendix pp 23-25)





1st 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



1st 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?



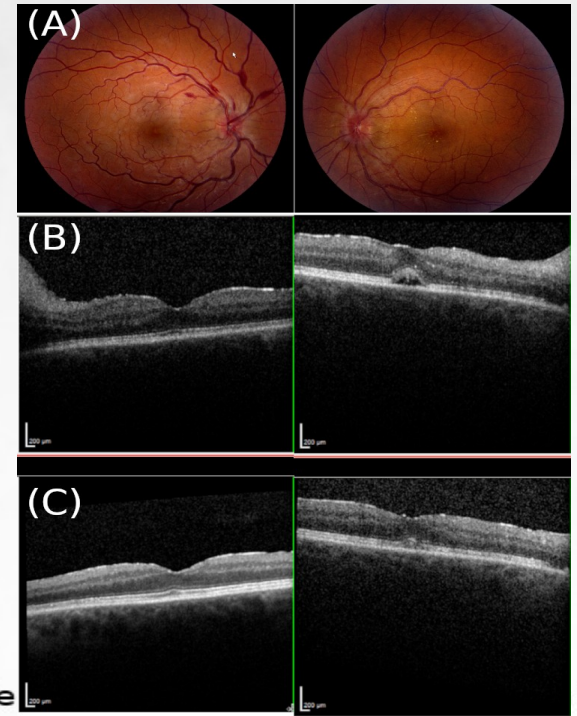
2nd Case

- 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



3rd 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)





3 clinical scenarios of increasing complexity

- 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

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

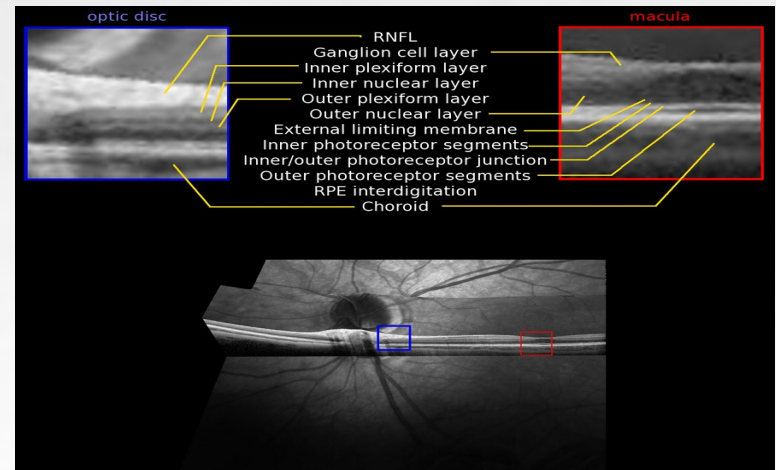
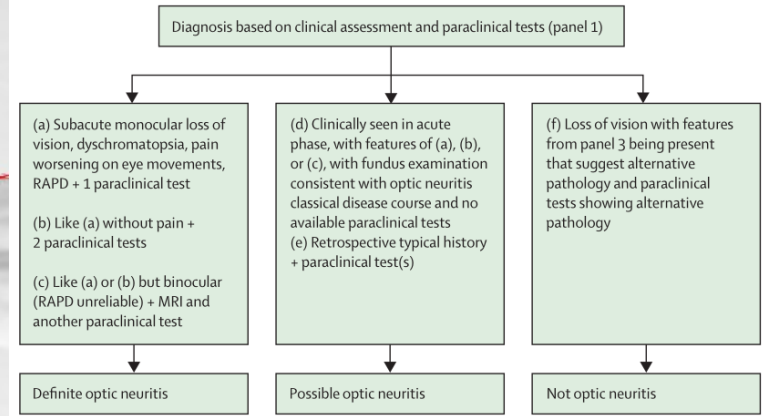
Definite optic neuritis

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

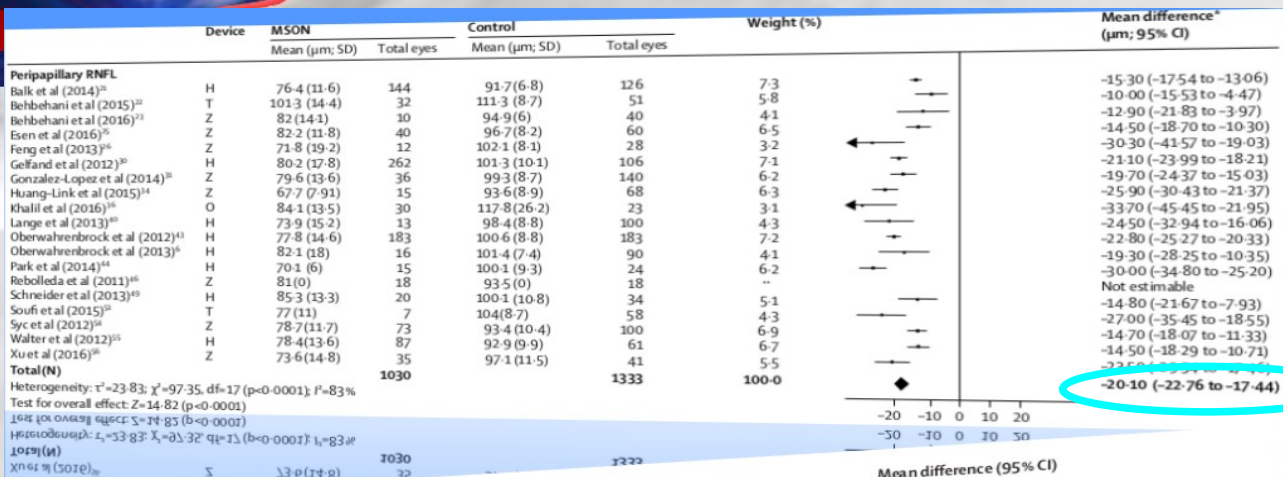
Possible optic neuritis

- (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

A Diagnosis of optic neuritis



OCT in MS-ON



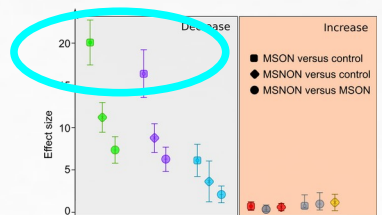
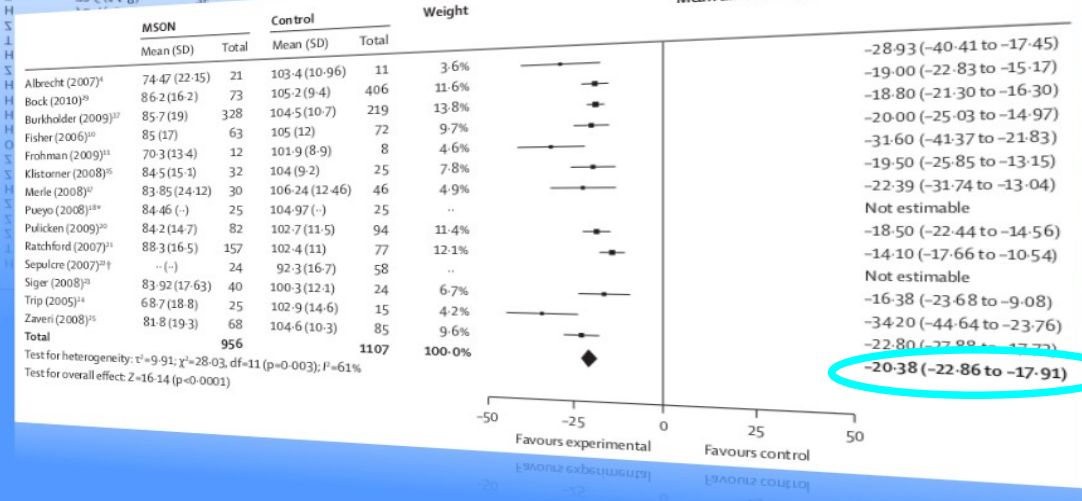
pRNFL atrophy

TLN 2010

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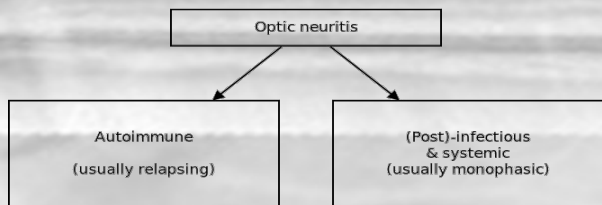
TLN 2017

20.38 (17.91-22.86) μm





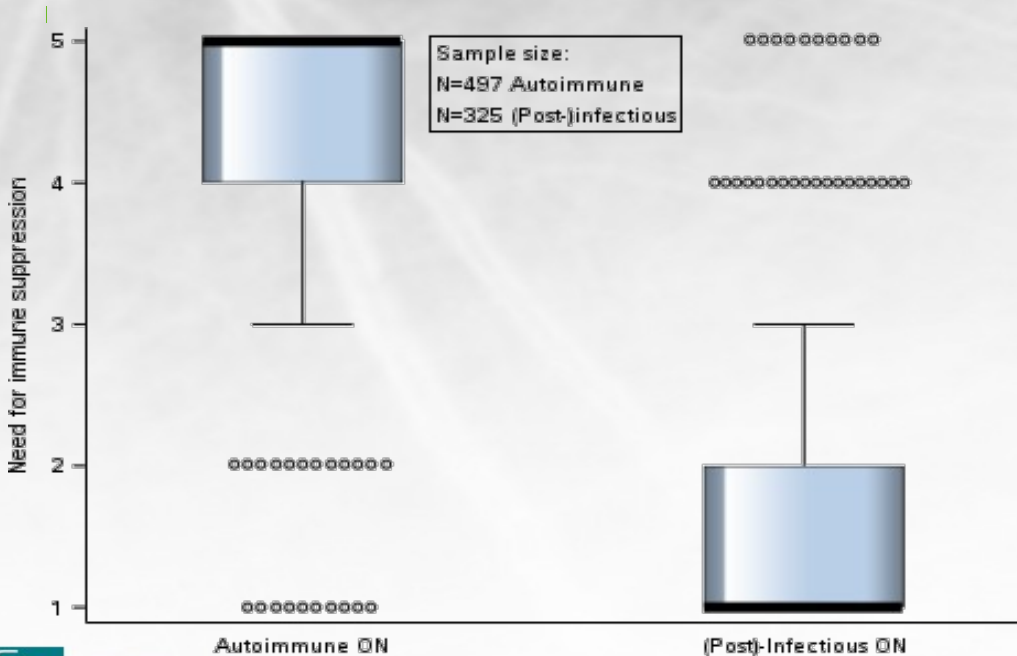
How did we get there?



Level 1: 95% agreement

Based on iterative assessments from Delphi rounds 2-21

Relevant for patient management

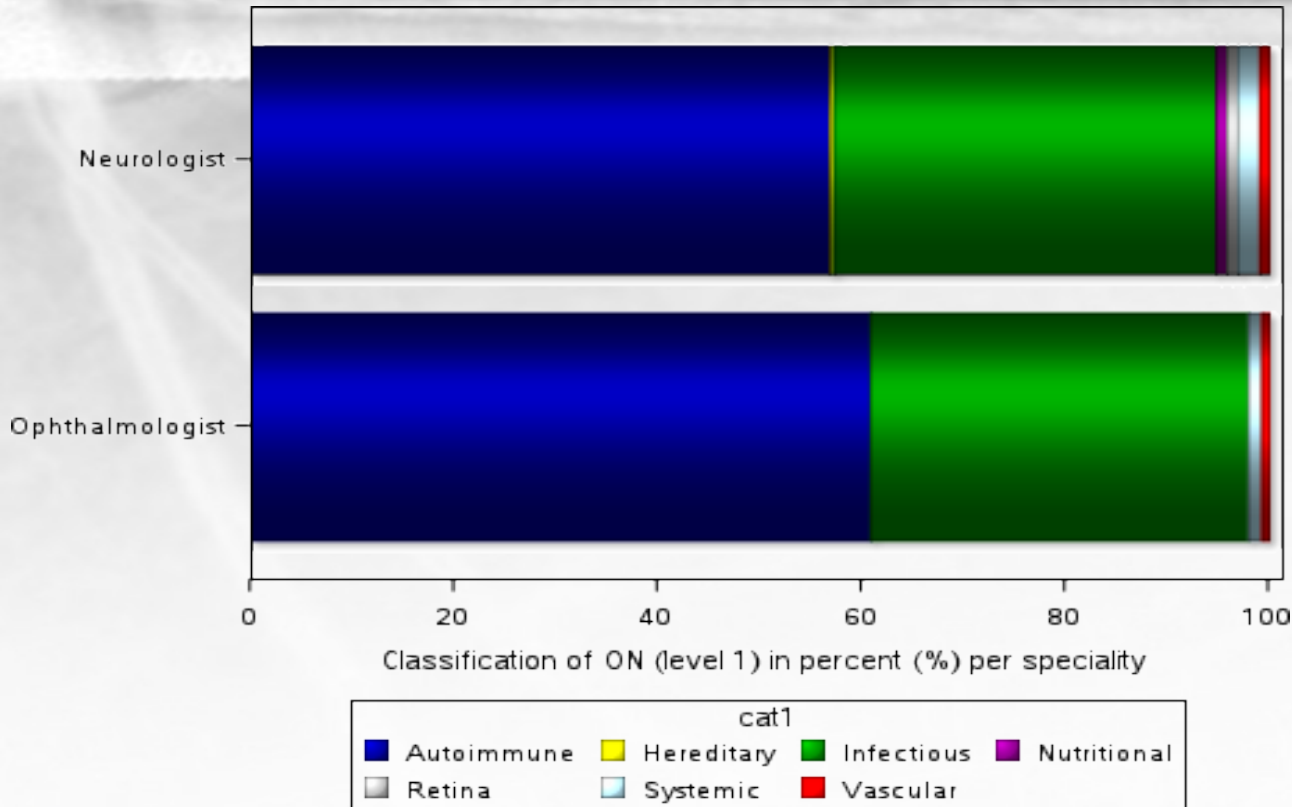


Level 1 classification



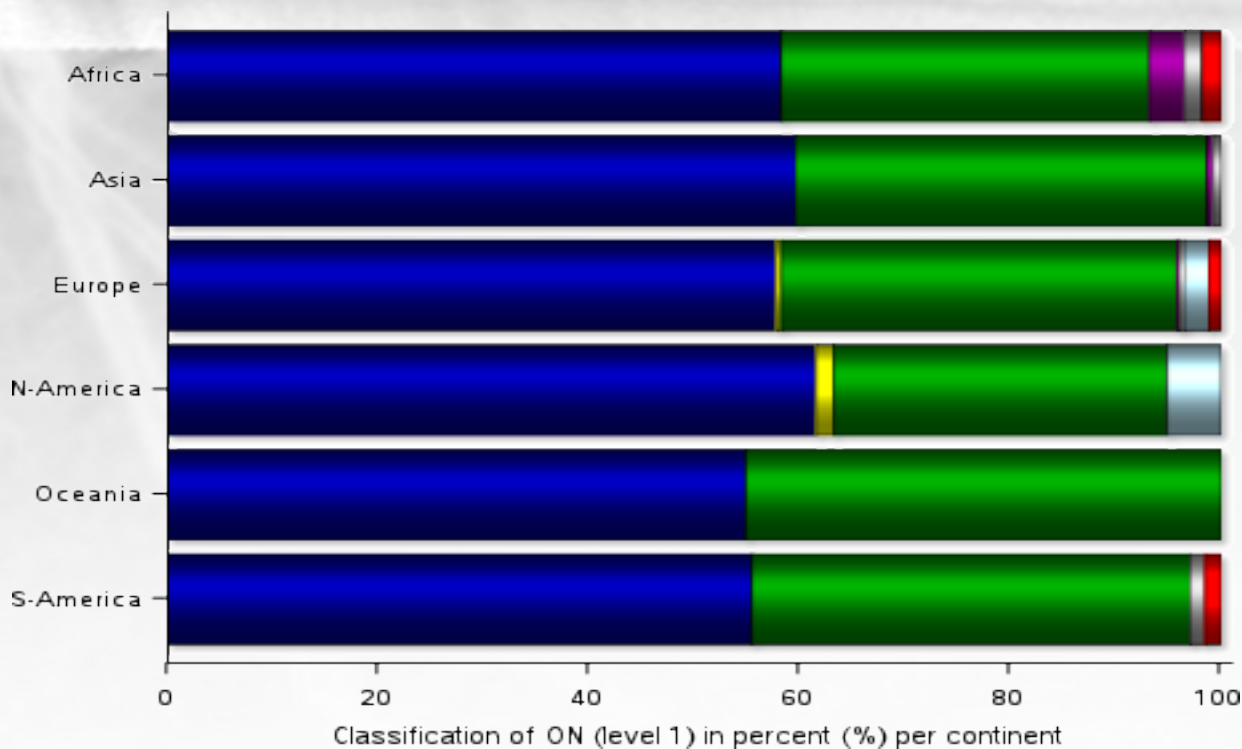


Agreement: Speciality





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 (Dengue)**
Scenario C: binocular, subacute LOV, dyschromatopsia, no pain, no RAPD



Overall summary

- Optic Neuritis: Clinical approach
- ICON 2022 Diagnostic criteria
- ICON 2022 Classification
- Future revisions planned to optimise diagnostic sensitivity and specificity





Thank you - Q&A

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