

acutely obtunded patient with relatively innocuous hyperacute vascular imaging, may suggest a transient BA thrombus. Therefore, these patients may benefit from thrombolysis despite initially poor prognostic indicators.

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TREATMENT EFFICACY OF SWITCHING CGRP MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY THERAPIES FOR CHRONIC MIGRAINE IN AUSTRALIA: A MULTICENTRE RETROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY

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Objectives To determine the treatment response when switching from one class of calcitonin gene related peptide receptor monoclonal antibody (CGRP-receptor mab) to another class of calcitonin gene related peptide monoclonal antibody (CGRP mab) in chronic migraine in the real world setting in Australia.

Methods Patients were prescribed erenumab (CGRP-receptor mab) in the setting of either a product familiarisation program or private pay access in 3 headache centres in Australia in 2018 which was discontinued in 2020. In 2021, galcanezumab and fremanezumab (CGRP mab) were made available on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. We retrospectively analysed the treatment effectiveness to CGRP mab in this cohort with chronic migraine and compare this to their treatment response to erenumab.

Results We analysed 170 patients with chronic migraine treated with erenumab in our original cohort. Out of the 170, we had 88 patients who switched to either galcanezumab or fremanezumab. The average age was 48 years old (range 18–73), female n= 79 (90%), baseline monthly migraine days, mean 18.6 (SD 7.6), monthly migraine days at 3 months on erenumab was 9.4 (SD 7.6), monthly migraine days at 3 months on CGRP mab was 8.7 (SD 8.2). Out of the 36 patients who were non-responders to erenumab, 24 patients (67%) had a 50% treatment response rate when switched to a CGRP mab.

Conclusion Our analysis support that the CGRP mab treatment effectiveness is similar to CGRP-receptor mab at 3 months in chronic migraine. Non-responders to erenumab benefited from a treatment switch to a CGRP mab.

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LONGITUDINAL EPIDEMIOLOGY OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS IN TOWNSVILLE, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA 2012–2022

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Background Multiple sclerosis (MS) is the most common cause of nontraumatic disability in young adults. Though Australia is a high frequency region for MS, North Queensland is regarded as a region of low prevalence. However the previous estimate of 11.1/100,000, dates from 1981.

Aims To study the epidemiology of MS in Townsville, Queensland, between 2012–2022.

Methods Cases identified from records at the tertiary hospital in the region, extracting information about demographics, MS diagnosis, and phenotype. Cases within the Townsville statistical region were included for prevalence estimates in 2012 and 2022. Cases with onset between 2012–22 were included in incidence estimates. Residents with MS dying between 2012–22 were included in mortality estimates. Prevalence, incidence and mortality rates were age-standardised. Differences in prevalence over time were assessed by Poisson regression.

Results Females comprised over two-thirds of cases, mostly relapsing-remitting phenotype. 73 cases were identified in 2012, yielding a prevalence of 39.7/100,000 (42.7 age-standardised), higher among females (59.3 vs 25.9/100,000, F/M=2.3). Prevalence increased by 125.4% in 2022, 175 cases yielding crude prevalence of 89.5/100,000 (94.6 age-standardised), higher among females (134.6 vs 54.0/100,000, F/M=2.5). MS onset incidence rate over 2012–22 was 3.7/100,000 PY (age-standardised 3.7). Age-standardised 2012–22 mortality rate was 0.9/100,000, average age increased from 47.8 to 58.3 years.

Discussion Northern Queensland is no longer a low-frequency region for MS, with 2022 prevalence on par with higher latitudes in Australia. These results have implications for clinical practice and resource allocation. These results bear implications for the oft-described latitudinal gradient in MS in Australia.

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ENTEROVIRUS INFECTION POST OCRELIZUMAB THERAPY

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