



NEDAs Role in the Treatment of MS



Introduction

- This interview will discuss:
 - The utility of NEDA-3 in MS treatment
 - NEDA-4 and other considerations to improve MS treatment monitoring
 - The potential role of cladribine in the management of MS

NEDA-3

- No Evidence of Disease Activity or NEDA is a composite of:
 - No relapses
 - No disability progression as determined by EDSS (Expanded Disability Status Scale)
 - No MRI activity (new or enlarging T2 lesions or Gd-enhancing lesions)
- Combines radiological and clinical outcomes
- Important goal for treating individual patients with relapsing disease

Stangel M et al. Ther Adv Neurol Disord. 2015; 8(1): 3–13.

Current Agents in terms of NEDA-3

- No head-to-head trials have been conducted in the context of NEDA-3 with available agents in MS
- It is therefore difficult to compare current agents in terms of NEDA-3
- Currently approved agents are within the estimated range of 20-40% effectivity in the context of NEDA-3

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NEDA-4

- Recent addition of brain atrophy measures to NEDA-3
- Can be useful in forecasting study outcomes but not clinical practice
- There are difficulties in the standardization and quantification of brain atrophy measures
 - However these are useful in motivating patients and designing algorithms
 - Could also improve adherence
 - Allow for further integration of neuropsychological effects and other patient reported outcomes

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Other Considerations for Monitoring MS Treatment

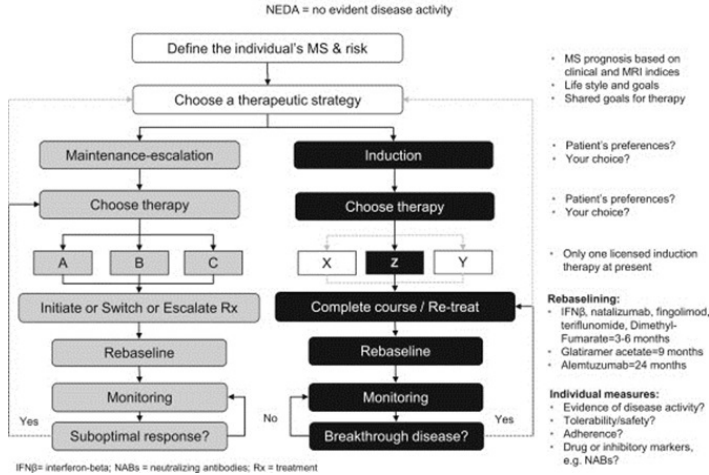


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Treatment Algorithm for Implementing NEDA

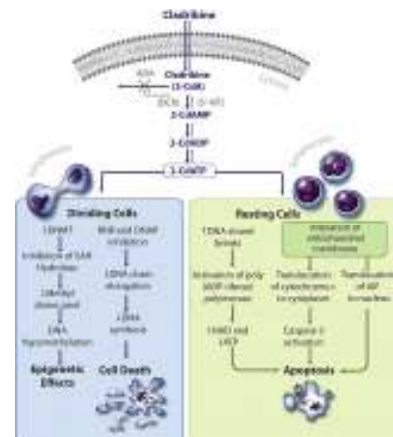
BARTS-MS TREAT-2-TARGET-NEDA ALGORITHM



Giovannoni G et al. Mult Scler Relat Disord. 2015;4(4):329-33.

Cladribine in the Management of MS

- Has a unique benefit-risk profile
- Interferes by selectively reducing the number of T and B cells
 - Affects nucleoside pools in lymphocytes



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Cladribine Efficacy Data

Trial	Design	Arms	Primary Endpoint	Result of the primary endpoint	Key secondary endpoints and their results
CLARITY ¹	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study involving 1,326 patients with RRMS over 96 weeks	3.5 mg/kg, 5.25 mg/kg vs. placebo	Annualized Relapse Rate	57.6% relative reduction in 3.5 mg/kg group; 54.5% relative reduction in 5.25 mg/kg group	30.9% and 29.6% higher relapse-free rate, and 33% and 31% reductions in EDSS progression in 3.5 and 5.25 mg/kg groups, respectively. Reduced Gd-enhanced T1-weighted lesions, active T2-weighted lesions and combined unique lesions in treated groups
ORACLE MS ²	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study involving 617 patients with Clinically Isolated Syndrome over 96 weeks	3.5 mg/kg, 5.25 mg/kg vs. placebo	Time to conversion to MS by Poser criteria	67% relative reduction in 3.5 mg/kg group; 62% relative reduction in 5.25 mg/kg group	50% and 57% reductions in the time to conversion to McDonald MS in 3.5 and 5.25 mg/kg groups, respectively. Lower median numbers of new or persisting Gd-enhanced T1-weighted lesions, new or enlarging T2-weighted lesions, and combined unique active lesions in treated groups

1. Giovannoni G et al. N Engl J Med. 2010;362:416-426.
 2. Leist T et al. Lancet Neurol. 2014;13:257-267.

Conclusions and Perspectives

- NEDA-3 represents an achievable treatment goal in MS treatment
- Use of brain atrophy measures (NEDA-4) needs to be further standardized
- NEDA can be used to design treatment algorithms for individual patients with MS
- Neuropsychological parameters and other patient reported outcomes continue to evolve as outcome measures for MS treatment
- Given the plethora of agents available for the treatment of MS, risk-benefit profiles of each agent can be considered in individual patients
- The oral agent cladribine can be potentially useful as an induction agent in the treatment of MS

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