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FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 6, 2022

VIGIL NEUROSCIENCE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-41200
(Commission
File Number)

85-1880494
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

Vigil Neuroscience, Inc.
1 Broadway, 7th Floor, Suite 07-300
Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02142
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(857) 254-4445
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trade Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share	VIGL	The Nasdaq Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 6, 2022, Vigil Neuroscience, Inc. (the “Company”) hosted a presentation and event focused on adult-onset leukoencephalopathy with axonal spheroids and pigmented glia (“ALSP”) with Key Opinion Leaders (“KOLs”). A copy of the presentation slides that accompanied the event are furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, respectively.

The information under this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished herewith and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Slide Presentation, dated December 6, 2022 (furnished herewith)
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Vigil Neuroscience, Inc.

Date: December 6, 2022

By: /s/ Ivana Magovčević-Liebisch
Ivana Magovčević-Liebisch
President and Chief Executive Officer

Vigil Neuroscience, Inc.
ALSP KOL Event
December 6, 2022



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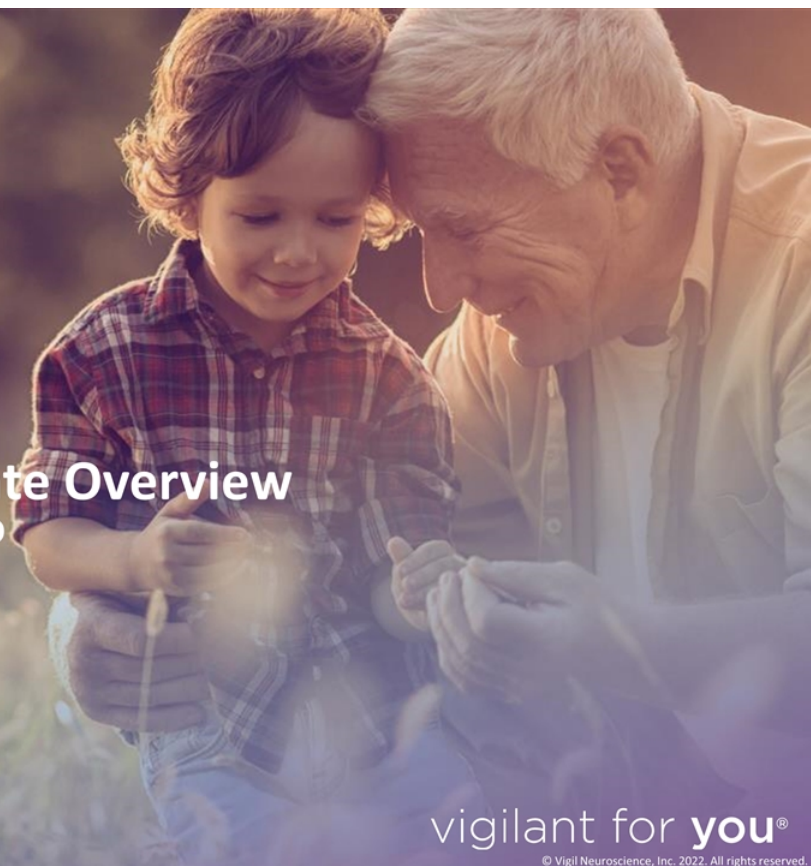
These forward-looking statements, which are only predictions, involve risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control and are based on our current beliefs, expectations and assumptions regarding our business. As such, you should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements because such risks and uncertainties could cause actual results, performance or achievement to differ materially and adversely from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ from those predicted in our forward-looking statements include, among others, risks and uncertainties related to product development, including delays or challenges that may arise in the development and regulatory approval of our current and future product candidates or programs; uncertainties as to the availability and timing of results and data from preclinical and clinical studies; the timing of our ability to submit and obtain regulatory clearance for investigational new drug applications and initiate additional clinical trials; our ability to initiate and complete our current and expected clinical trials; our ability to establish and maintain collaborations, strategic relationships and supply arrangements, or that we will not realize the intended benefits from such relationships or arrangements; whether our cash resources will be sufficient to fund our foreseeable and unforeseeable operating expenses and capital expenditure requirements; our ability to raise additional funding on favorable terms, or at all; the rate and degree of market acceptance and clinical utility of our product candidates; the ability and willingness of our third-party collaborators to continue research and development activities relating to our product candidates; the accuracy of our data analyses or estimates for the potential and market for our products; our ability, and the ability of our collaborators, to protect our intellectual property and to conduct activities for the development and commercialization of our candidates in view of third party intellectual property positions; our financial performance; our ability to retain and recruit key personnel, as well as the potential contribution of our employees and board to our growth and success as a Company; developments and projections relating to our competitors or our industry; the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic, including mitigation efforts and economic impacts, on any of the foregoing or other aspects of our business operations, including our preclinical studies and clinical trials; changes in general economic conditions and global instability, in particular economic conditions in the markets on which we or our suppliers operate; changes in laws and regulations; and those risks and uncertainties identified in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including under the heading “Risk Factors” in our most-recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K or Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and such other risks and uncertainties that may be described in subsequent filings we may make with the SEC.

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Introduction & Corporate Overview

Ivana Magovčević-Liebisch, PhD, JD
Chief Executive Officer
Vigil Neuroscience



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Vigil 2022 ALSP Key Opinion Leader Event – Agenda

8:30 – 10:00 AM

Opening Remarks & Corporate Overview

Ivana Magovčević-Liebisch, PhD, JD
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What is ALSP?

David S. Lynch, MD, PhD
Consultant Neurologist
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Clinical Lead, Adult Inherited White Matter Disorders Highly Specialist Service, NHS England

ALSP History & Diagnosis

Christina Sundal, MD, PhD
Chief Executive Officer
NeuroClinic Norway
Senior Consultant
University Hospital, Oslo, Norway

8:30 – 10:00 AM (continued)

ALSP Treatment & Unmet Medical Need

Troy Lund, MSMS, PhD, MD, FAAP
Associate Professor
Associate Director Metabolic Program
Leukodystrophy Center of Excellence, Division of Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplantation & Cellular Therapy
University of Minnesota, A NORD Rare Disease Center of Excellence

10:00 – 10:15 AM

Break

10:15 – 10:45 AM

ILLUMINATE Natural History Study: Interim Findings

VGL101 Phase 2 IGNITE Trial Design & Objectives

Spyros Papapetropoulos, MD, PhD
Chief Medical Officer
Vigil Neuroscience, Inc.

10:45 – 11:30 AM

Closing and Q&A

Vigil Neuroscience



Vigil Neuroscience is a clinical-stage microglia-focused therapeutics company

Our purpose: to treat rare and common neurodegenerative diseases by restoring the vigilance of microglia, the brain's sentinel immune cells

We are utilizing the tools of modern neuroscience drug development across multiple therapeutic modalities as we seek to deliver precision-based therapies to improve the lives of patients and their families

Vigil's Mission: Restoring Microglial Vigilance to Create Disease-Modifying Treatments for Neurodegenerative Diseases

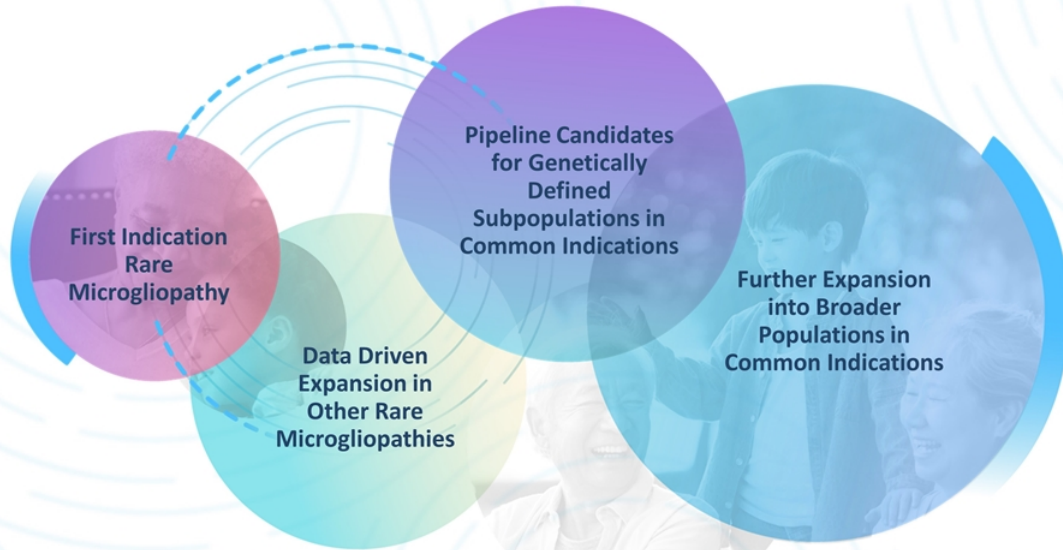
Discovering and developing novel therapeutics designed to leverage microglial biology breakthroughs that activate and restore microglial function

Precision-based development strategy first in rare microgliopathies with plans to advance into larger patient populations

First product candidates target microglial receptor protein TREM2
Evaluating new microglial targets and indications

IPO in January 2022
Raised ~\$315M to-date

Vigil's Precision Medicine Strategy to Target Broad Range of Neurodegenerative Diseases



Apply learnings from genetically defined subpopulations to larger indications

Vigil TREM2 Agonists: Differentiated Strategy & Multiple Modalities

Vigil Neuroscience

TREM2 mAb in
Development for
ALSP: VGL101

The **ONLY** targeted drug candidate
in development for ALSP

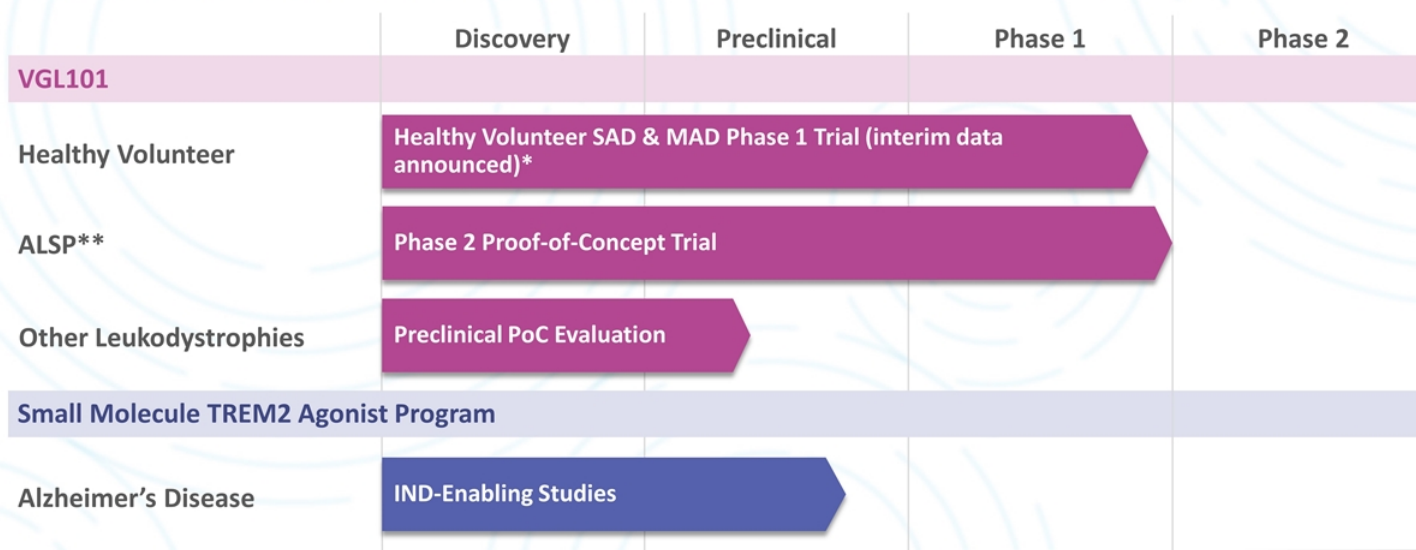
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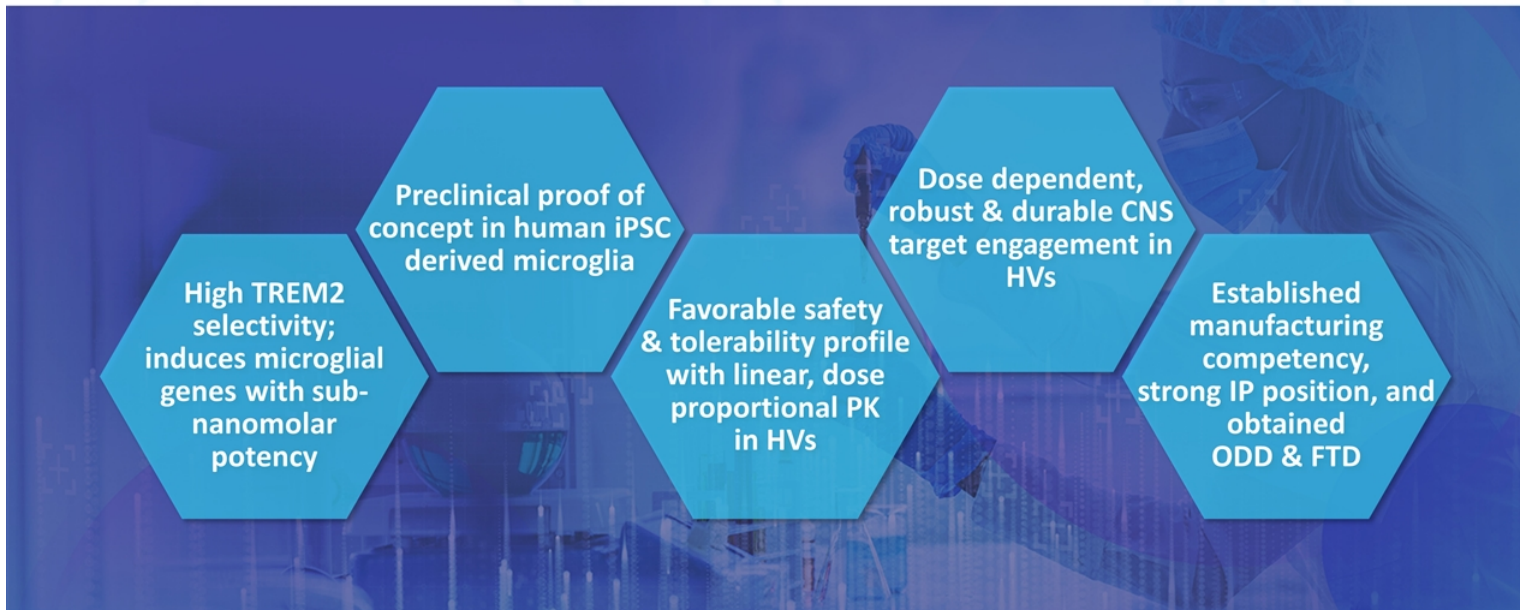
ALSP: Adult-onset leukoencephalopathy with axonal spheroids and pigmented glia

Our Pipeline

Vigil Has Exclusive Rights to All Programs



VGL101 – Human mAb Agonist of TREM2 with a Compelling Profile



Summary of Interim Topline VGL101 Phase 1 Data in Healthy Volunteers*

Demonstrated a favorable safety and tolerability profile

Pharmacokinetics showed linear, predictable characteristics across doses

- Half-life supports monthly dosing

Demonstrated proof of target engagement and pharmacological activity

- Dose-dependent, robust and durable reductions in sTREM2, and durable increases in sCSF1R with repeat dosing
- 1st antibody to report durability of TREM2 engagement in a clinical setting

Phase 1 data support VGL101 20 mg/kg as a pharmacologically active dose for Phase 2 proof-of-concept trial in ALSP patients

Phase 2 IGNITE trial in ALSP initiated

*As of October 7, 2022, and includes doses up to 40 mg/kg SAD and 20 mg/kg MAD

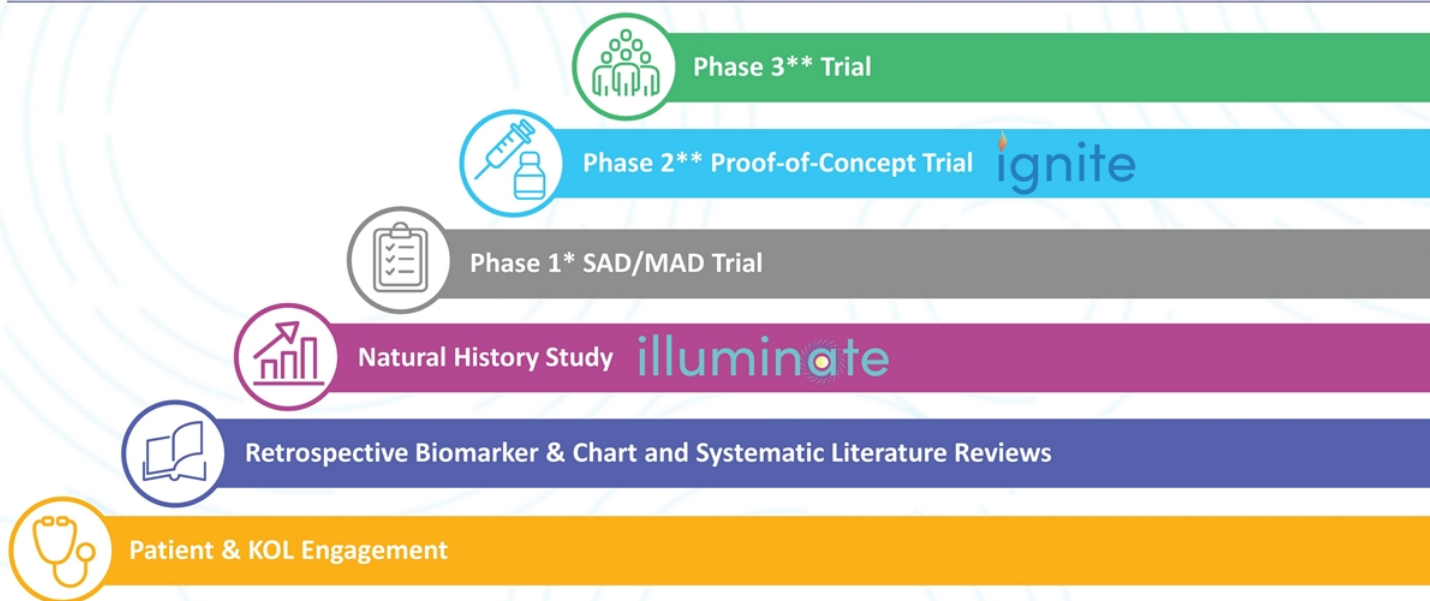
Driving ALSP Awareness via Comprehensive Stakeholder Engagement

Focused on increasing accurate & timely diagnosis

Building Strong Foundation with Patient Advocacy Groups (PAGs)	Incorporating Patient & Caregiver Insight/Perspectives	Promoting Disease Awareness on Multiple Fronts	Increasing Clinical Trial Awareness Cross-Functionally
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established relationships with regional & global PAGs across relevant neurodegenerative diseases (including ALSP, leukodystrophies, MS, FTD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established Patient & Caregiver Advisory Council Executing Natural History Study in ALSP Enhancing resources on patient journey, & genetic testing & counseling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched patient-facing ALSPinfo.com & social media accounts Developed disease education materials Engaging KOLs in diseases ALSP is frequently misdiagnosed (e.g. MS, FTD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched clinical trial websites Provided PAGs with trial awareness materials Collaborating with ALSP KOLs Engaging MS and FTD specialists



Building Toward Success in ALSP Clinical Development



Featured Key Opinion Leaders



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Adult-onset Leukoencephalopathy with Axonal Spheroids and Pigmented Glia (ALSP)

- An inherited neurodegenerative disorder
- Rare and under-recognized
- Primarily causing degeneration of brain white matter (i.e., an 'Inherited White Matter Disorder' or 'leukoencephalopathy/leukodystrophy')
- The hallmark axonal 'spheroids' (swellings) and pigmented glia give the disorder its name

ALSP

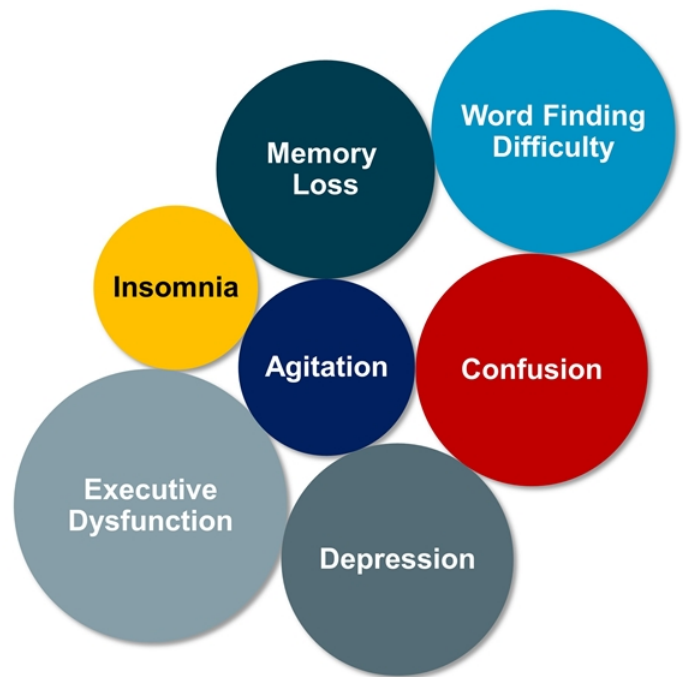
- Has been known by a number of alternative names, largely hangovers from the era before MRI and genetics were widely available
- First described as pigmentary orthochromatic leukodystrophy (POLD) in 1936
- Later, the name hereditary diffuse leukoencephalopathy with spheroids (HDLS) became more widely used because of an influential and important report on the disease in 1984
- In recent years, ALSP has become the preferred term as it recognizes the importance of both the axonal spheroids and abnormal microglia

ALSP Symptoms

- A progressive, neurodegenerative disorder
- Demyelination (destruction) of white matter in the brain has widespread and devastating effects
- Symptoms can be similar to more widely recognized diseases
 - Cognitive symptoms: similar to Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD)
 - Motor symptoms: similar to Progressive MS, Parkinson Disease

ALSP Symptoms

- Symptoms most often develop in the 40s but the range is wide (18–86 years)
- Cognitive and ‘neuropsychiatric’ symptoms are often first to emerge



ALSP Symptoms

Cognitive

- Personality change
- New anxiety, depression
- Difficulty in work, decision making
- Inappropriate behavior
- Memory problems
- Word finding and speech problems

As the Disease Progresses, Symptoms Multiply

ALSP Symptoms

Motor

- Gait and balance problems
- Stiffness, slowness of movement
- Incoordination, tremor
- Swallowing and speech difficulty

As Symptoms Progress, Patients Become More Immobile to the Point of Being Bedbound and Totally Dependent for Care

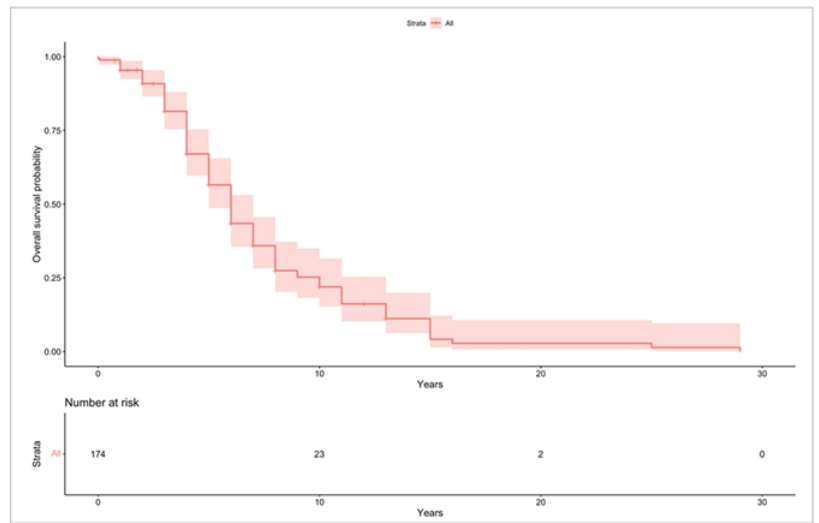
ALSP Patient Video



ALSP Progression

Relentlessly Progressive

- 75% survival for approximately 3 years, 50% for 5 years, 25% for 10 years and < 5% for 30 years

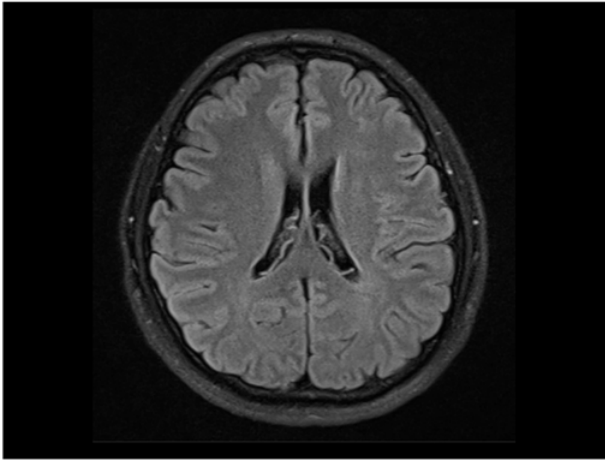


Symptom Overlap with Other Diseases (Misdiagnosis)

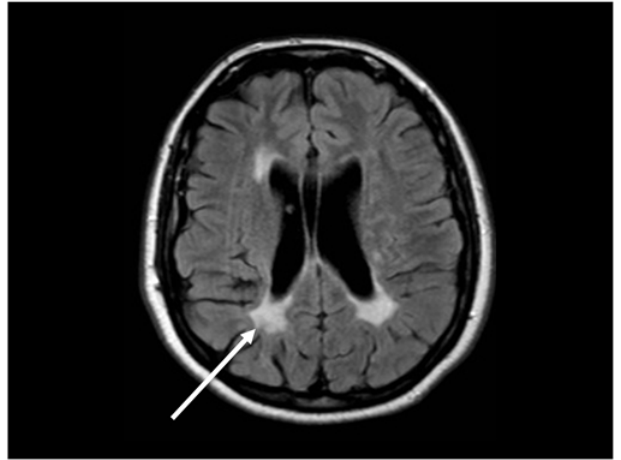
- Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD)
- Alzheimer Disease (AD)
- Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis (PPMS)
- Parkinson Disease (PD)
- Other inherited white matter disorders
 - Mostly Cerebral Autosomal Dominant Arteriopathy with Sub-cortical Infarcts and Leukoencephalopathy (CADASIL)
- Corticobasal Syndrome

ALSP Magnetic Resonance Imaging

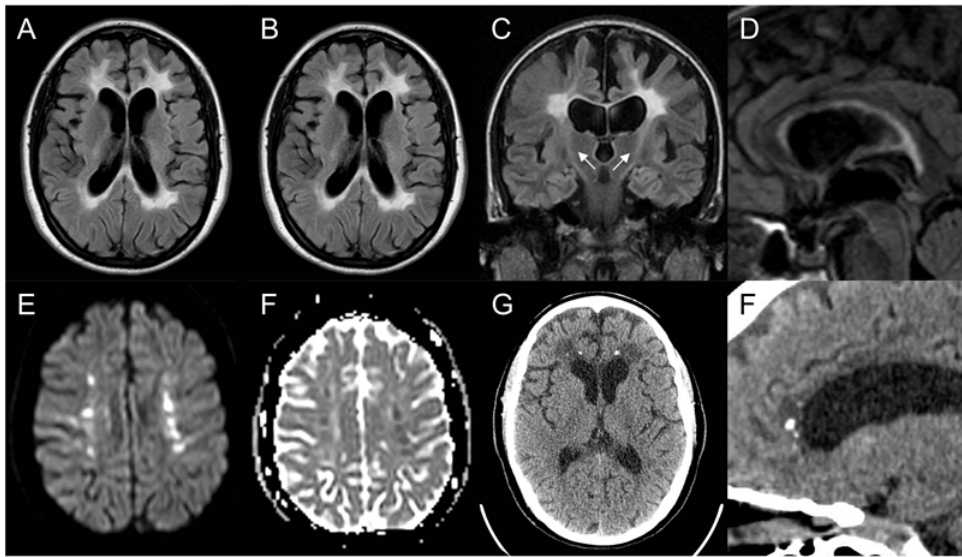
Normal MRI



ALSP

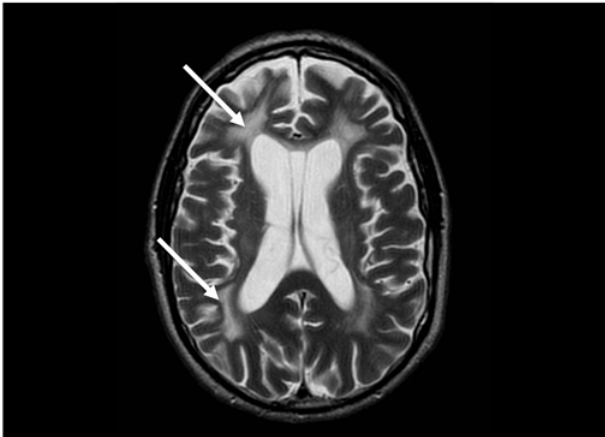


ALSP Typical Imaging

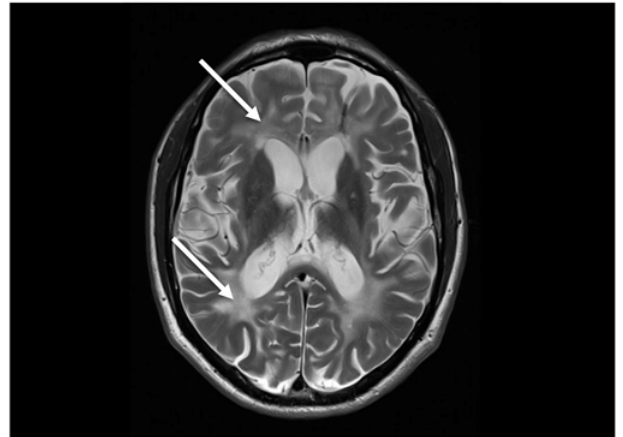


Misdiagnosis

ALSP

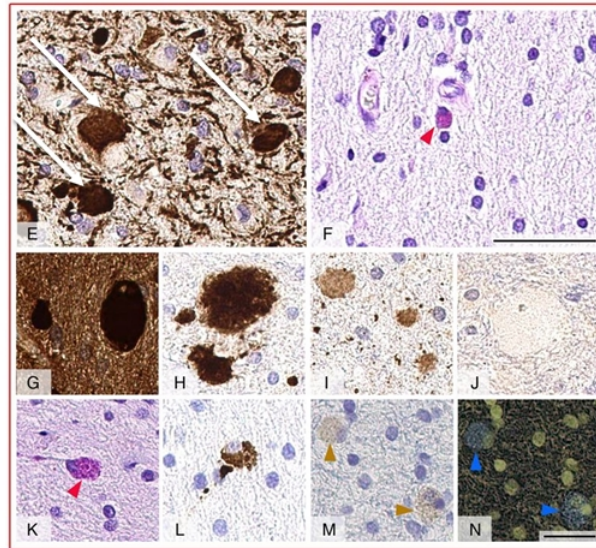


Progressive MS



The Direction of Misdiagnosis is the Failure to Recognize ALSP

Neuropathology – Axonal Swellings (Spheroids) and Pigmented Glia



Epidemiology

- Inherited white matter disorders (IWMD) are rare but recognition is growing due to:
 - Better access to genetics
 - Widespread availability of imaging
 - Increased understanding of phenotypes, particularly in adults
- UK has just established first national specialist service for IWMD

>300 Reported Cases globally; Significant Underestimate

Epidemiology – at Least 10–15% of IWMDs

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REPORT

Clinical and genetic characterization of leukoencephalopathies in adults

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Genetic Analysis of Inherited Leukodystrophies: Genotype-Phenotype Correlations in the *CSF1R* Gene

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RESEARCH PAPER

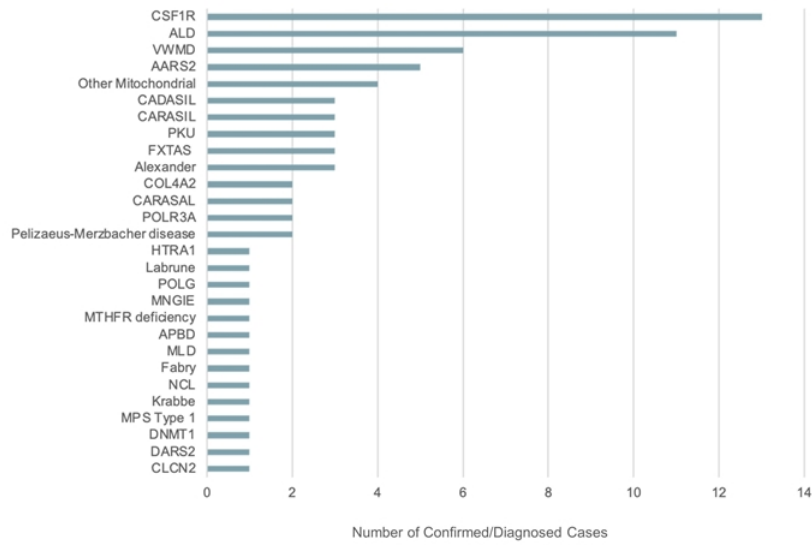
Hereditary leukoencephalopathy with axonal spheroids: a spectrum of phenotypes from CNS vasculitis to parkinsonism in an adult onset leukodystrophy series

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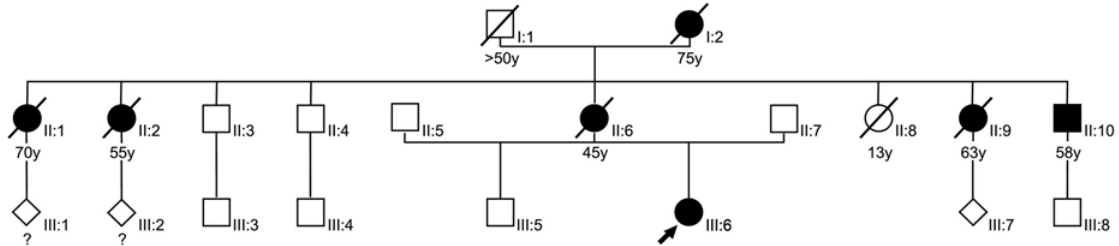
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ALSP 13/76 Most Recent IWMD Diagnoses (17%)



Genetics

- Autosomal dominant inheritance
- Multiple generations can be affected
- Children and siblings of a patient are at 50% risk of being affected
- *De novo* cases also occur (children remain at 50% risk)
- Penetrance is incomplete but very high



Genetics

In 2011, the Causative Gene Was Identified

Mutations in the colony stimulating factor 1 receptor (*CSF1R*) cause hereditary diffuse leukoencephalopathy with spheroids

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Original Investigation

Genetic Analysis of Inherited Leukodystrophies Genotype-Phenotype Correlations in the *CSF1R* Gene

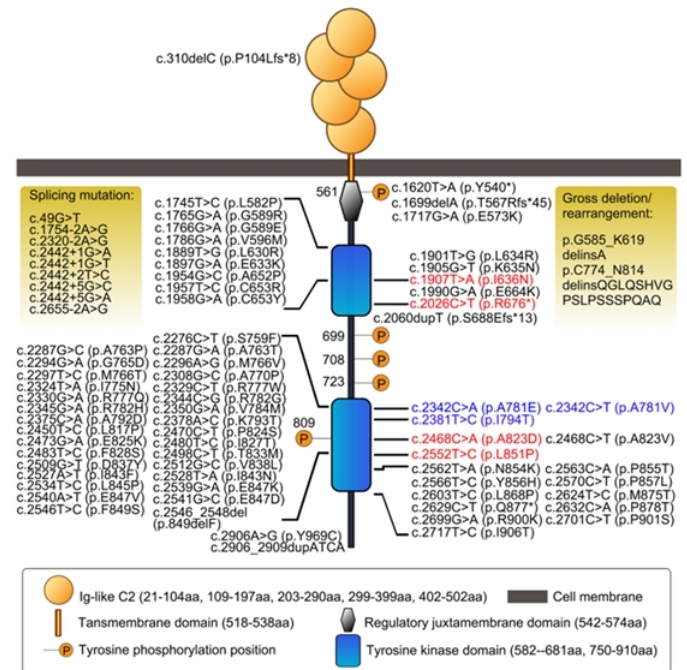
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CSF1R

- Colony stimulating factor-1 receptor gene
- Encodes a cell surface receptor highly expressed on myeloid cells including brain microglia
- Microglia are critically important immune cells with diverse functions
- ALSP is a *microgliopathy*

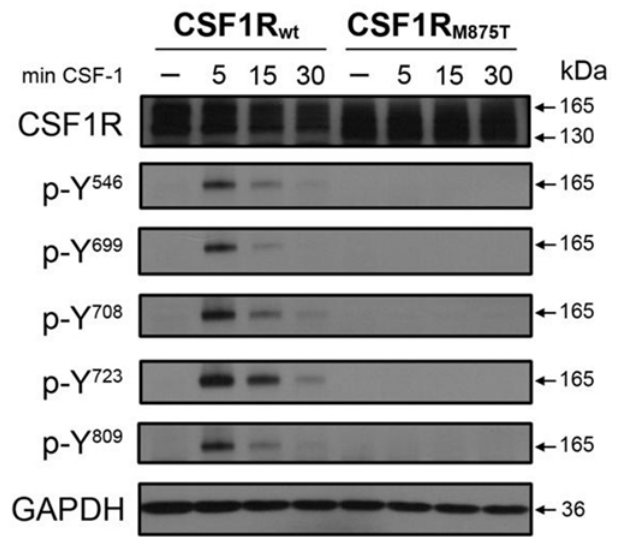
CSF1R

- Majority of mutations affect tyrosine kinase activity → loss of function
- No genotype/phenotype correlation

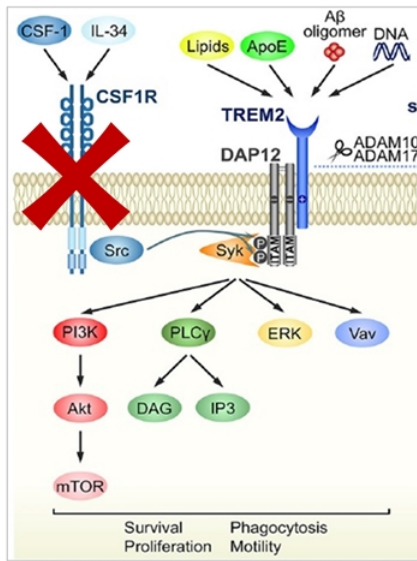


CSF1R Activation

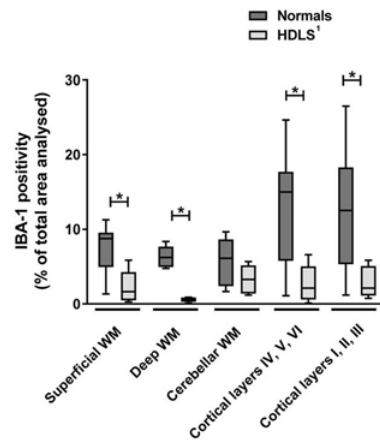
- Ligand binding leads to
 - Receptor homodimerization
 - Tyrosine kinase domain (TKD) autophosphorylation
 - Downstream signaling for microglial proliferation, survival and differentiation
- Inhibition of CSF1R rapidly depletes the brain of microglia



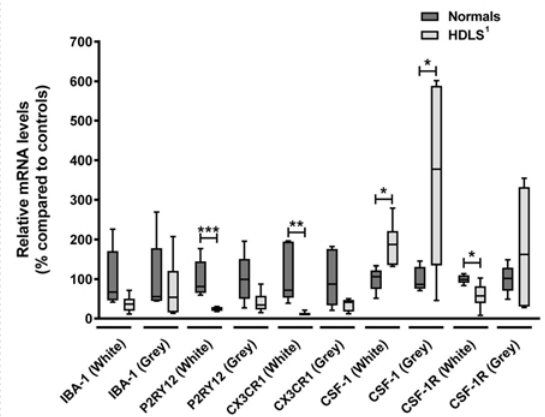
CSF1R LoF Leads to Microglial Loss and Dysfunction in ALSP



Microglia Numbers Based on IBA-1 Staining

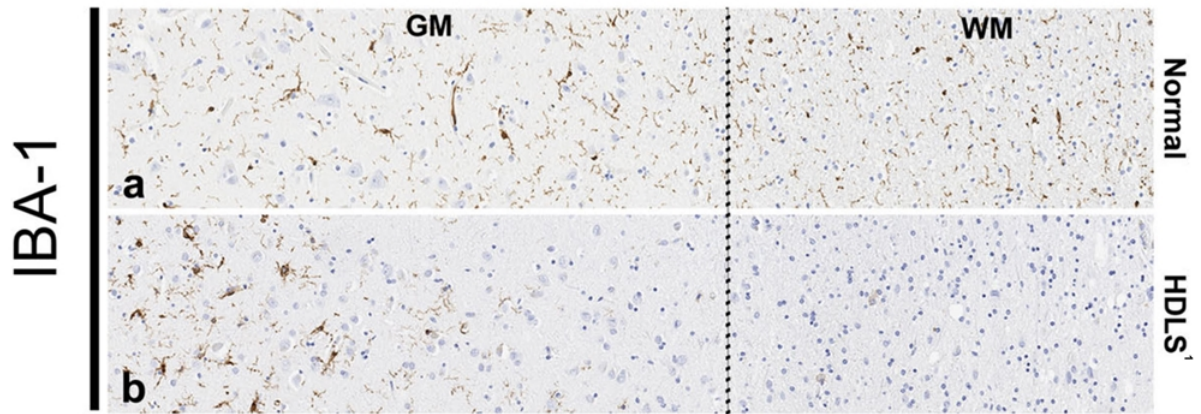


Microglial Phenotype Based on Gene Expression



1. HDLS: hereditary diffuse leukoencephalopathy with spheroids – previously used to describe ALSP; WM: white matter; * $p < 0.05$

Microglial Loss and Dysfunction in ALSP



1. HDLS: hereditary diffuse leukoencephalopathy with spheroids – previously used to describe ALSP; GM: grey matter; WM: white matter

Genetic Diagnosis

- The cost of sequencing has plummeted in recent years
- Diagnostic rates for genetic disorders are improving
- Most clinicians are using panels of many genes
- Diagnosis can be made even without a high suspicion of ALSP

ALSP Diagnosis

- Referrals come from a variety of sources
 - Cognitive clinics
 - MS clinics
 - Movement Disorders
 - Clinical/Neurogenetics
 - Neuroradiology

Summary

- ALSP is rare but under-recognized
- It is a devastating neurodegenerative disorder
- ALSP is a microgliopathy
- Diagnostic rates are rapidly improving due to advances in genetic technology



ALSP History and Diagnosis

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The Sahlgrenska Academy

Background

Leukoencephalopathy

Encompasses a heterogenous group of disorders that predominantly affect the brain's white matter (WM), regardless if myelin damage is primary or secondary, and irrespective of a molecular cause (*Van der Knaap*)

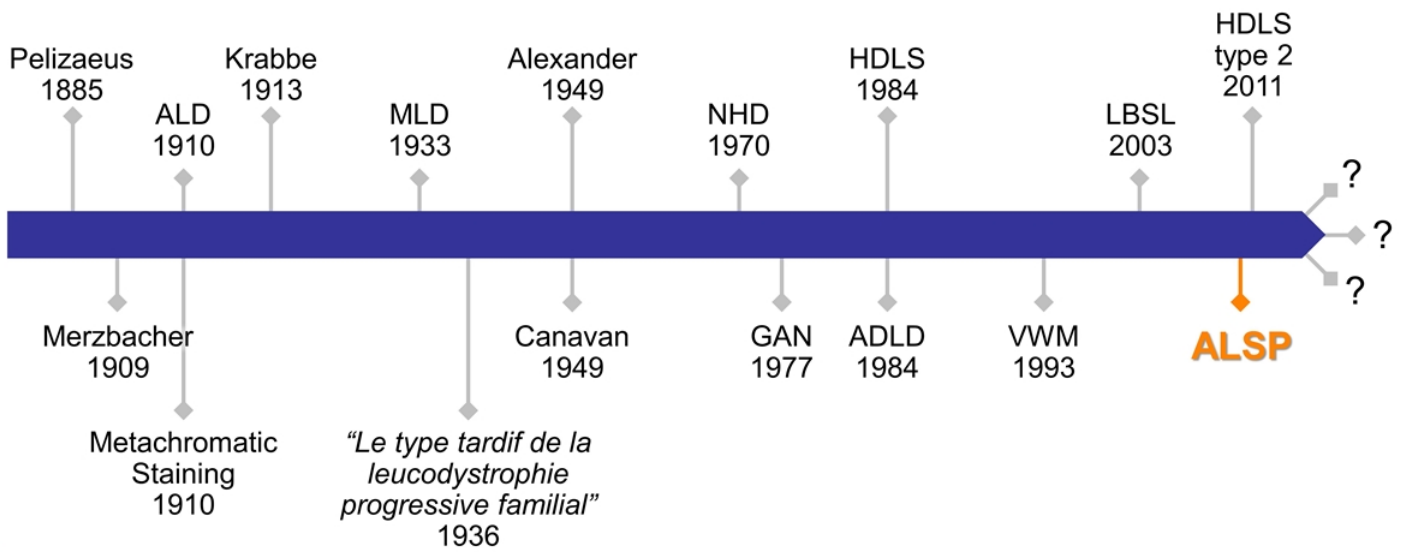
Leukodystrophy

(Leuko-white, Dystrophy-defective Nutrition):
Progressive, inherited demyelinating disorders (*Van der Knaap*)

Neuroaxonal Degeneration

WM damage is secondary to axonal pathology (*Van der Knaap*)

Hereditary Leukoencephalopathies



ALD: adrenoleukodystrophy; MLD: metachromatic leukodystrophy; NHD: Nasu Hakola Disease; ADLD: Adult onset autosomal dominant leukodystrophy; VWM: Vanishing White Matter; LBSL: Leukoencephalopathy with brainstem and spinal cord involvement

Adult Hereditary Leukoencephalopathies

Leukodystrophies:

- Pelizaeus-Merzbacher disease (PMD)
- Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD)
- Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD)
- Krabbe disease

Other 2. Leukodystrophies:

- Alexander disease
- Vanishing White Matter (VWM)
- Adult-onset Autosomal Dominant Leukodystrophy (ADLD)
- Leukoencephalopathy with Brainstem and Spinal Cord Involvement (LBSL)

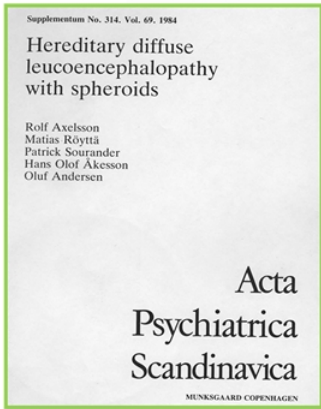
Neuroaxonal Degeneration:

- ALSP
- Nasu-Hakola disease

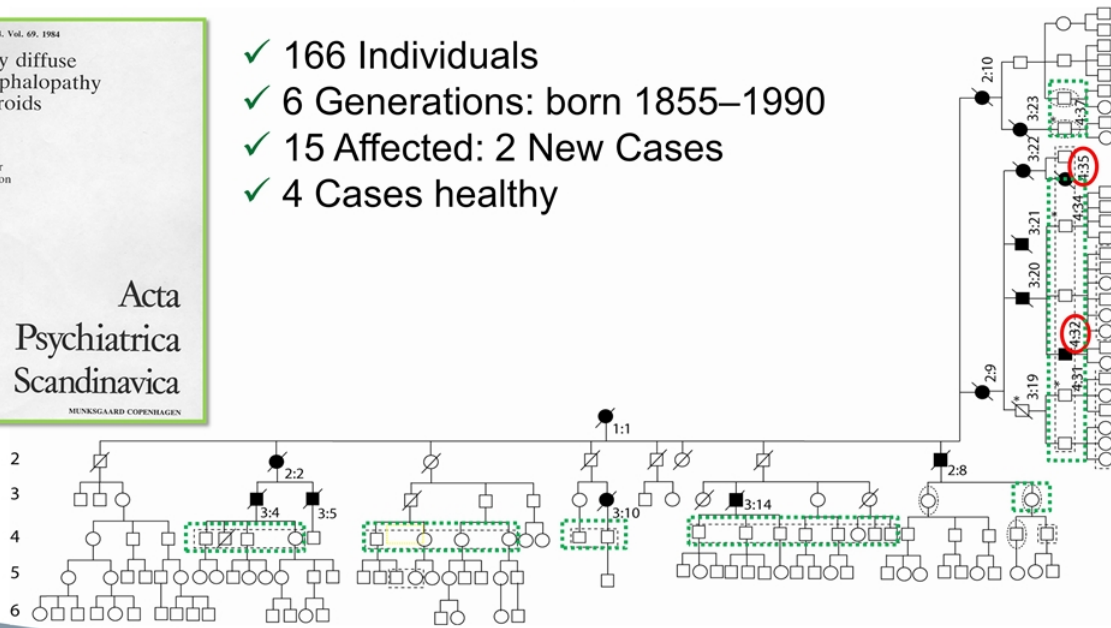
~~STROKE-LIKE Symptoms/Small Vessel Disease~~

- ~~• Fabrys~~
- ~~• Cerebral Autosomal Dominant Arteriopathy with Sub-cortical Infarcts and Leukoencephalopathy (CADASIL)~~
- ~~• Multi-Infarct Dementia (MIDS)~~
- ~~• Mitochondrial disorders~~

Swedish ALSP Family



- ✓ 166 Individuals
- ✓ 6 Generations: born 1855–1990
- ✓ 15 Affected: 2 New Cases
- ✓ 4 Cases healthy



ALSP

14 Families Studied

United States
Norway
Germany
Scotland

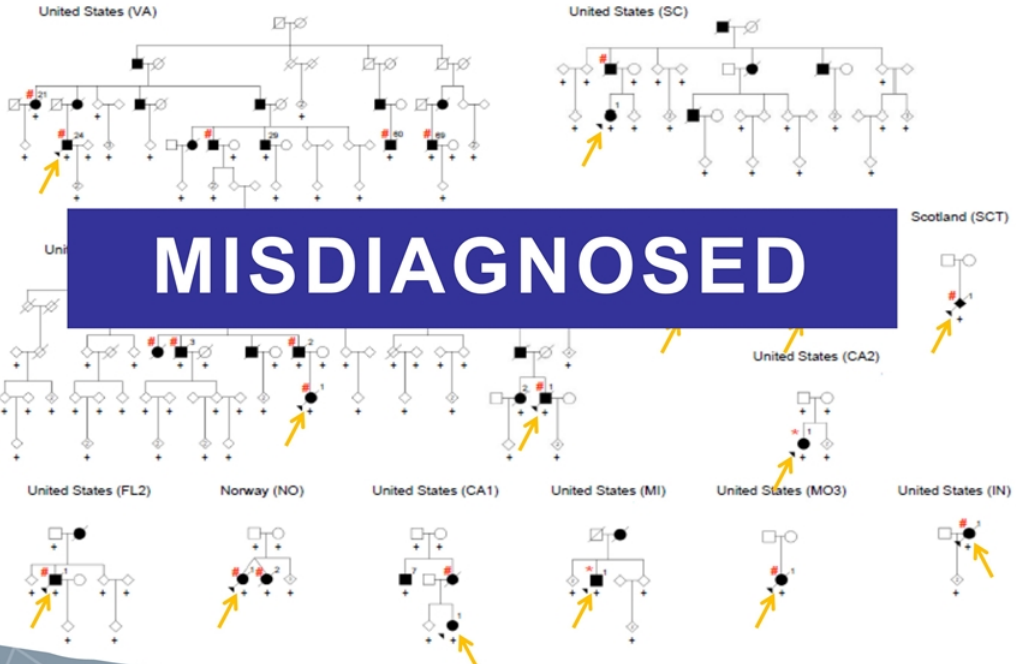
Inclusion criteria

Clinical
MRI
Neuropathology
Blood

Neuropathological Examination

Dr. Dennis Dickson, neuropathologist at the Mayo Clinic confirmed the presence of axonal spheroids embedded in the abnormal white matter, consistent with the original Swedish HDLS/ALSP cases

ALSP



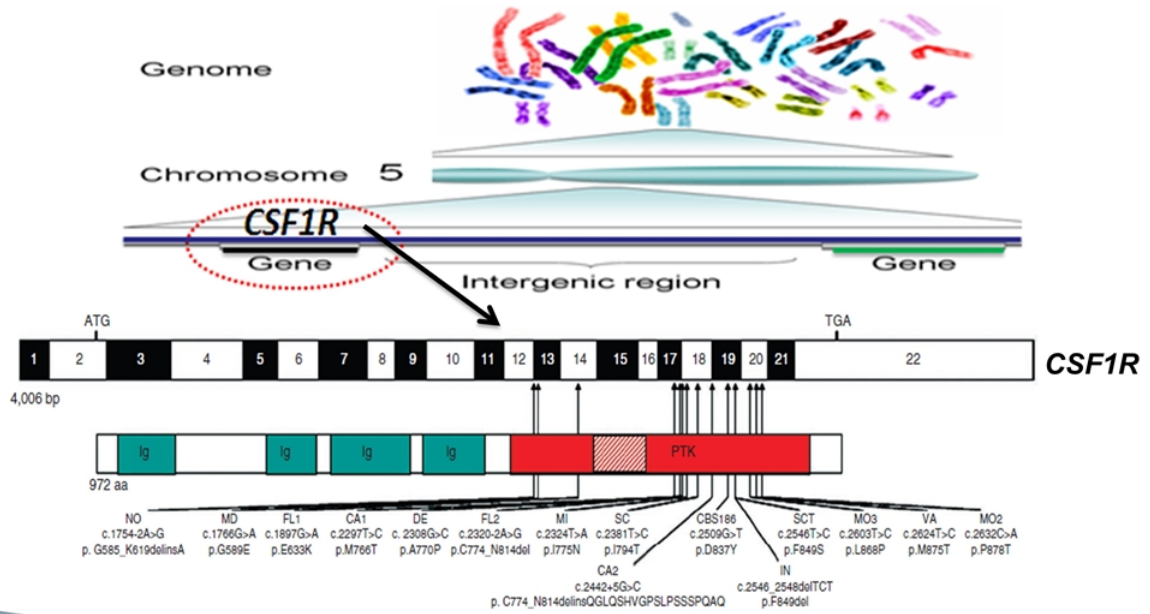
ALSP

✓ **Misdiagnosed:**

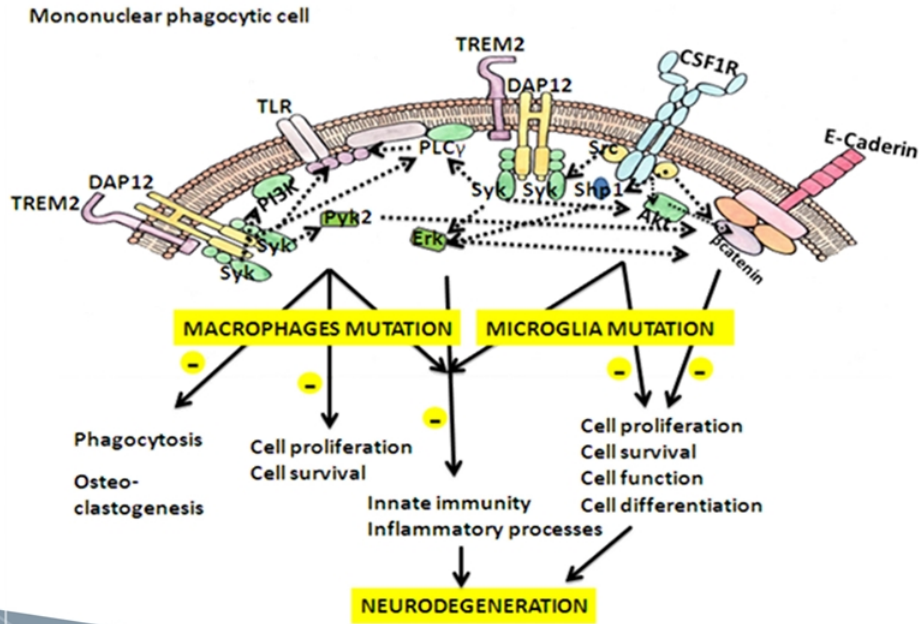
Multiple Sclerosis, Alzheimer's Disease, CADASIL, Atypical Parkinson's Disease, Neuromyelitis Optica, other neurodegenerative disorders

- ✓ Average age of symptom onset: 44 years (range: 36-52)
- ✓ Average disease duration: 6 Years (range: 3-11)
- ✓ Average age of death: 48 years (range: 40-63)
- ✓ Initial symptoms: Frontal lobe syndrome, gait problems
- ✓ Advanced stage: Multifocal neurological deficits

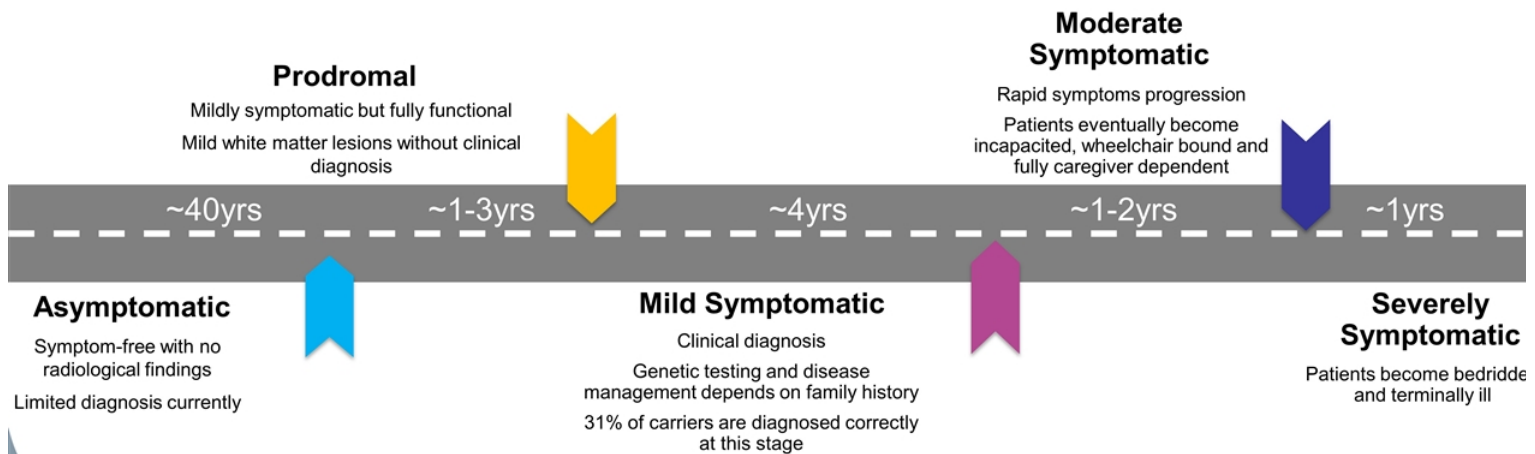
CSF1R Mutation



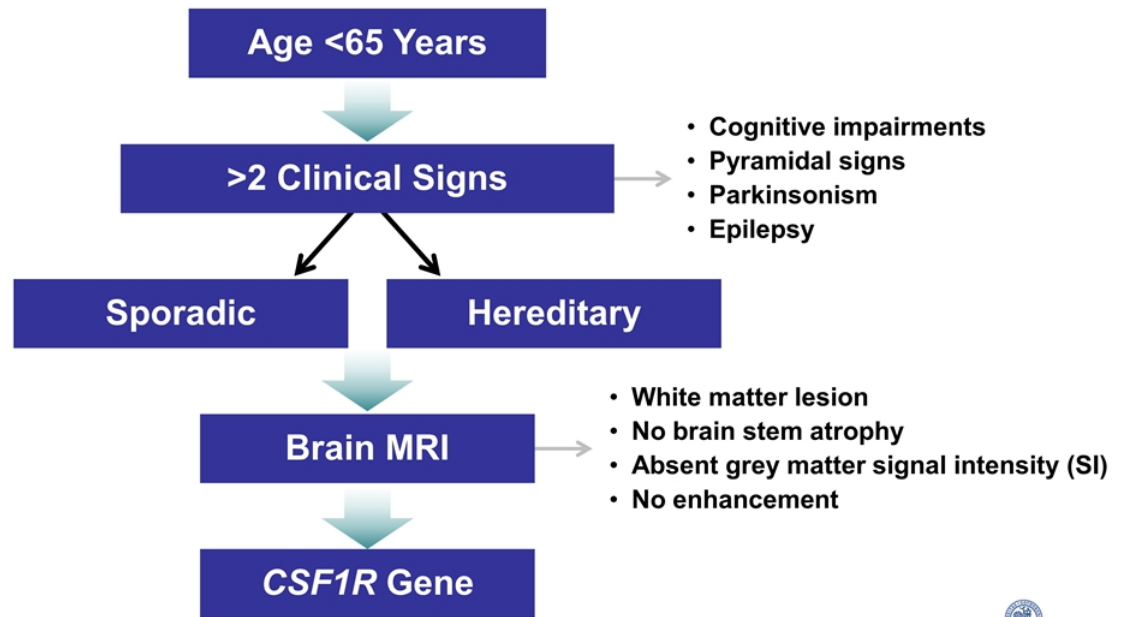
Cross Talk: CSF1R-TREM2/DAP12



ALSP Carrier/Patient Journey



Diagnostic Criteria for ALSP



ALSP Clinical Course

- ✓ Psychiatric disorders
- ✓ Cognitive impairments
- ✓ Behavioral/Personality changes
- ✓ Dementia
- ✓ Paresis
- ✓ Parkinsonian signs/Movement disorders
- ✓ Seizure
- ✓ End stage: urinary incontinence, dysphagia/aphasia, weight loss
- ✓ Death: Aspiration pneumonia

Multisystem Encephalopathy



What Do You See on the Brain MRI?

- Adult-onset Leukoencephalopathy with Axonal spheroids and Pigmented Glia (ALSP)
- X-linked Adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD)
- Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD)
- Krabbe disease
- Alexander disease
- Adult-onset Autosomal Dominant Leukodystrophy (ADLD)
- Vanishing white matter (VWM)
- Leukoencephalopathy with Brainstem and Spinal Cord Involvement (LBSL)
- Nasu-Hakola Disease (NHD)
- Mitochondrial diseases (Leigh, MELAS, MNGIE)
- Inborn error of metabolism
- Small vessel diseases (CADASIL, MIDS)
- Multiple sclerosis
- Susac's syndrome
- Others

Inheritable

Sporadic

MRI Algorithm

Hypomyelination

Prominent T2-hyperintensities Relative to Grey Matter

Frontal/Parietal WML

- MLD
- ALSP
- ALD

Occipital WML

- ALD
- Krabbe

Periventricular WML

- ALSP
- MLD
- Krabbe
- LBSL

Brain Stem Atrophy

- LBSL
- Alexander
- ADLD

Diffuse Cerebral WML

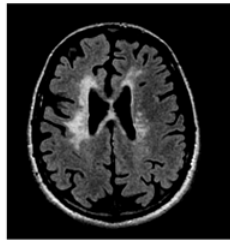
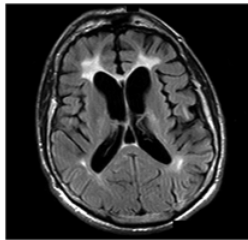
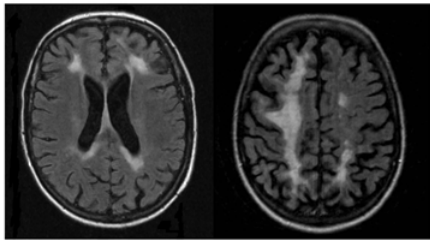
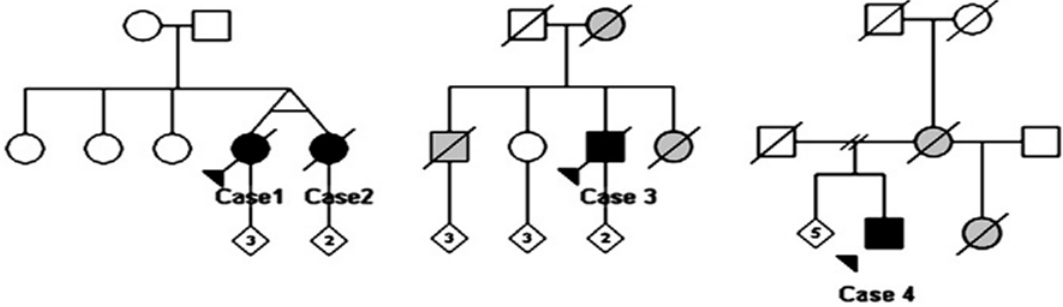
- End-Stage of
all WMD

Multi-Focal WML

- ALSP

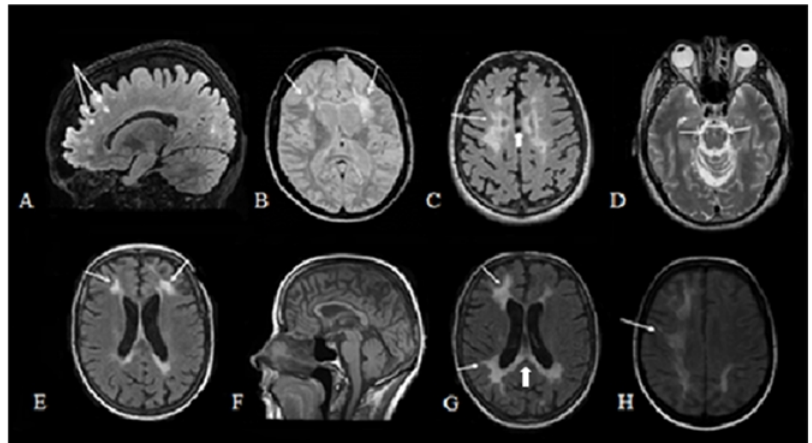
WML: white matter lesion; WMD: white matter diseases

MRI of ALSP



MRI's Role in Diagnosis and ALSP Research

- ✓ All WML bilateral, asymmetric; predominantly frontal
- ✓ Grey matter signal intensity changes absent
- ✓ No brain stem atrophy
- ✓ Corticospinal tracts involved later
- ✓ No enhancement
- ✓ Minimal cerebellar pathology



Qualitative MRI Measures

Qualitative MRI Severity Score			
White Matter Signal		Atrophy	
	Max Score		Max Score
Frontal	7	Frontal	2
Parietal	7	Parietal	2
Temporal	7	Temporal	2
Occipital	7	Occipital	2
Corpus Collosum	6	Central	2
Projection fibers	6	Corpus Collosum	1
Brainstem	1	Brainstem	1
Cerebellum	1	Cerebellum	1
WML Score	42	Atrophy Score	13
Basal Ganglia	1	MRI Severity Score (0-57)	
Thalamus	1		
Deep Gray Matter	2		

MRI Severity Score

Based on 15 patients with CSF1R mutations in 2012

Mild Disease (Score 1-6; n = 1)

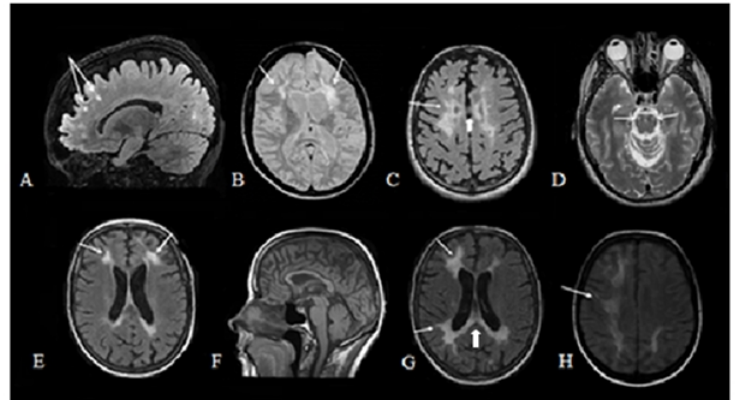
Score: 4
(Figure A)
Stable disease course

Moderate Disease (Score 7-15; n = 4)

Mean Score: 12.7 [range 10-15]
(Figures B, E & F)
Mean disease duration of 6.7 years
(range, 5.0 -9.8)

Severe Disease (Score 16-57; n = 10)

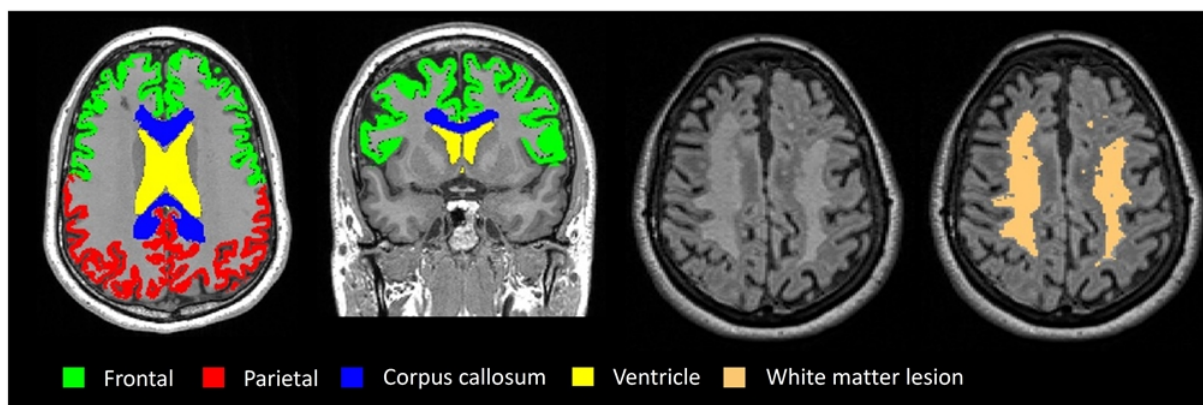
Mean Score: 20.5 [range 16.5-33.5]
(Figures C, D, G & H)
Mean disease duration of 5.2 years
(range, 3.0-11.0)



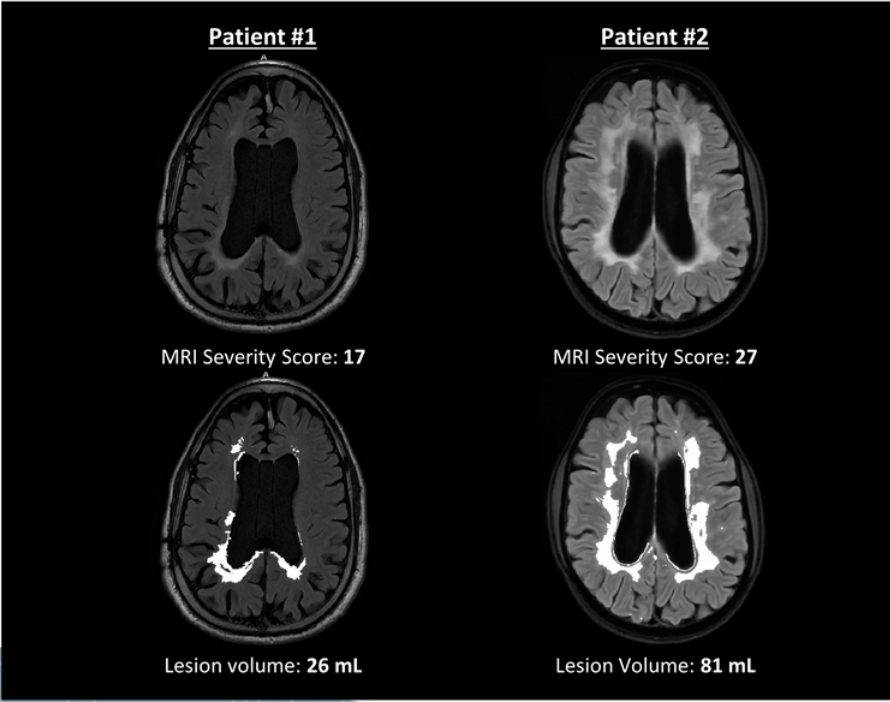
Quantitative MRI Measures

Disease burden on MRI can be quantified by measures of brain region volume e.g.

- Frontal, parietal, corpus callosum, ventricle and lesion volumes

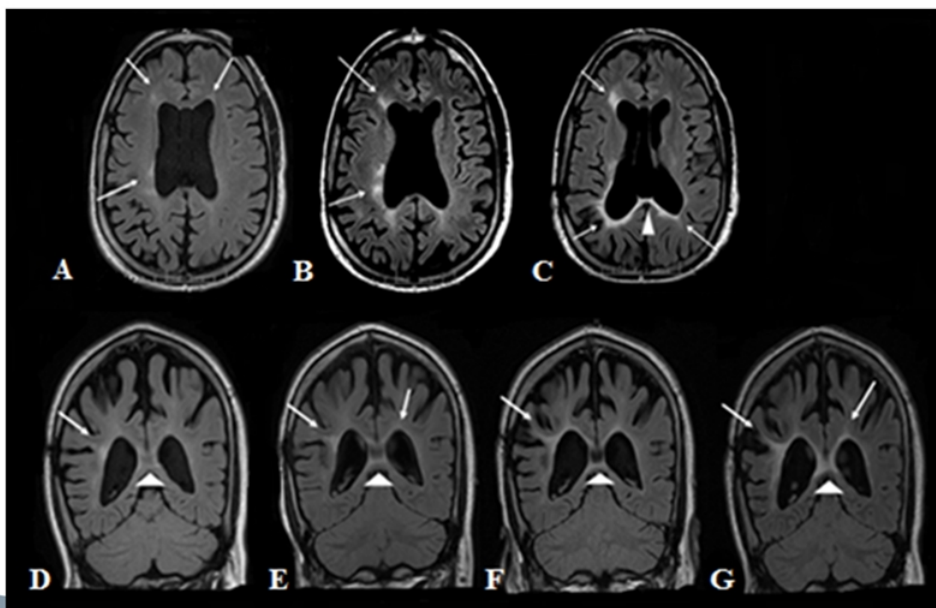


Quantitative and Qualitative MRI Measures



Longitudinal MRI Follow-up on *CSF1R* Mutation Patient

Every 6 months



MRI Summary

Indicators of Progressive Disease

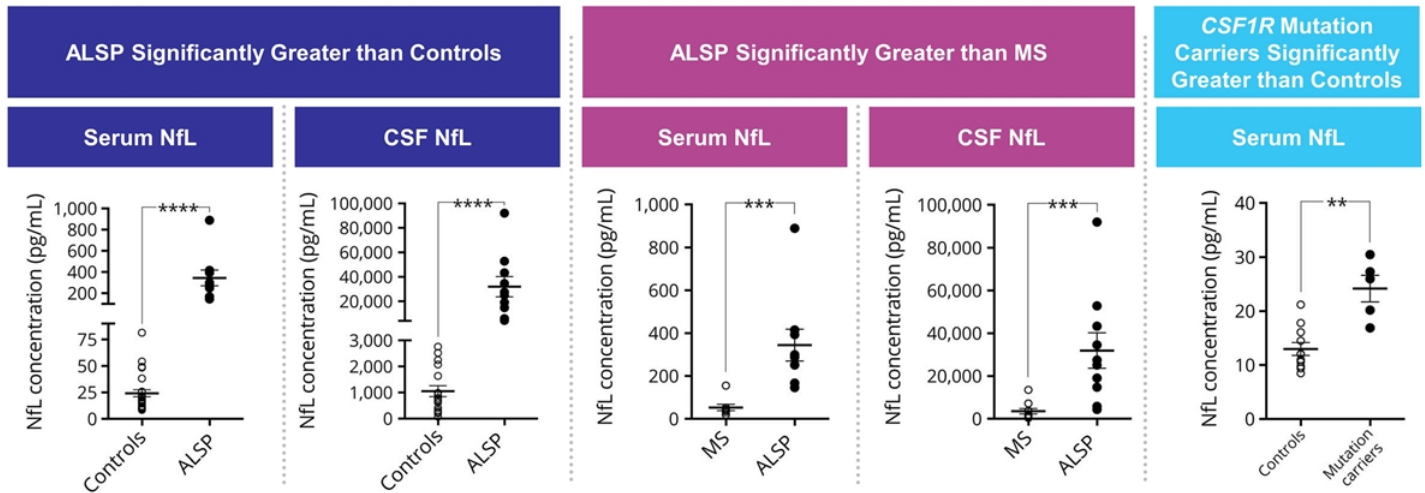
- ✓ Disease onset before 45 years
- ✓ Female
- ✓ WMLs extending beyond the frontal regions (MRI Scoring System & volumetric analysis)
- ✓ MRI severity score greater than 15 points

MRI Characteristic Pattern

- ✓ Most recognizable in the **middle** stages of the disease

MRI volumetric measures and Severity Score are valuable for monitoring disease progression and evaluating efficacy of potential treatments

NfL as Disease Biomarker for ALSP



Controls: healthy individuals; ALSP : symptomatic ALSP patients; MS: multiple sclerosis patients; Mutation Carriers: pre-symptomatic individuals with *CSF1R* mutations; **p < 0.005, ***p < 0.0005, ****p < 0.0001

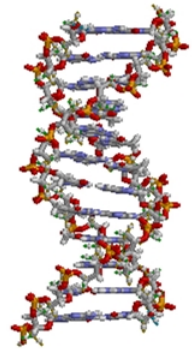
Combining the Results

Disorder	ALSP	Neurodegenerative disorders
MRI	Distinct distribution	Depending on disorder
CSF	NfL ↑↑↑	Depending on disorder
Neuropathology	Many Spheroids Thin layer of Myelin surrounding some Spheroids	Depending on disorder
CSF1R gene mutation	Yes	No

Primary Neuroaxonal Degeneration

Summary on ALSP Diagnosis

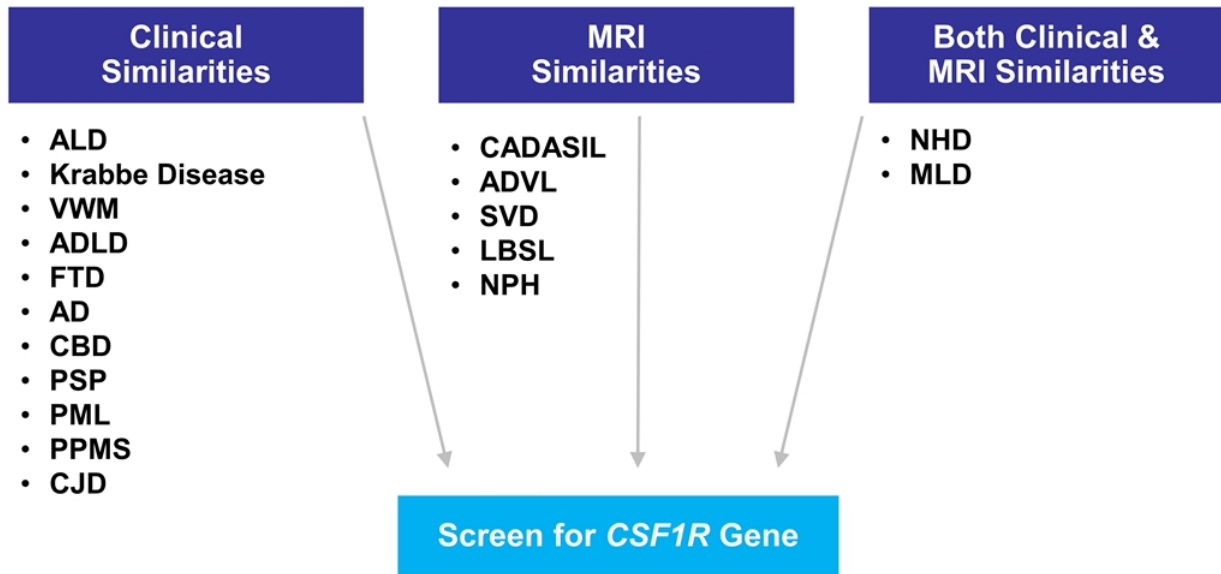
- Clinical symptoms to provide clues
- MRI to guide diagnosis
- *CSF1R* genetic testing to confirm diagnosis



Current Challenges of Correctly Diagnosing ALSP

- Awareness of adult onset hereditary leukoencephalopathies
- Leukodystrophies/Neuroaxonal dystrophies (degeneration)
- MRI: Pattern recognition
- Gene testing: *CSF1R*

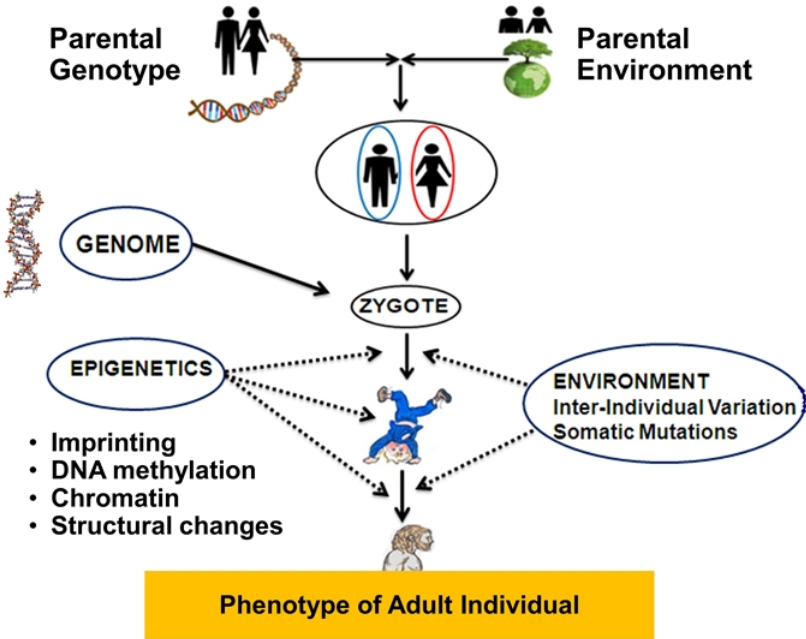
Differential Diagnosis to ALSP



AD: Alzheimer's Disease; CBD: Corticobasal Degeneration; PSP: Progressive Supranuclear Palsy; PML: Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy; PPMS: Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis; CJD: Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease; SVD: Small Vascular Disease; NPH: Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus



Phenotypic Variation



Misdiagnosis of ALSP

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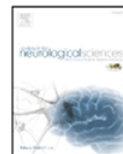


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Awareness of ALSP



Misdiagnosis of ALSP

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Treatable Neurological Disorders Misdiagnosed as Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease*

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TABLE 2: Pathology of Incurable Neurological Disorders Misdiagnosed as CJD

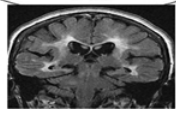
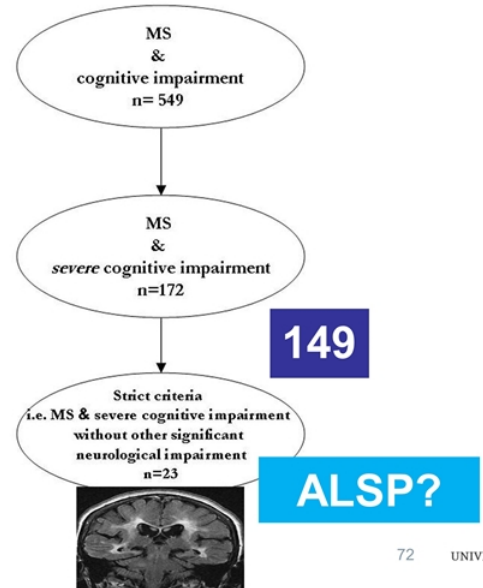
Disease	No.
Total	233
Alzheimer disease	154
Vascular dementia	36
Unspecified degenerative brain disease	10
Frontotemporal lobar degeneration	9
Mesial temporal lobe sclerosis	5
Diffuse Lewy body disease	4
Tauopathy, NOS	4
Hereditary diffuse leukoencephalopathy with spheroids	3
Progressive supranuclear palsy	3
Corticobasal ganglionic degeneration	1
Adult polyglucosan body disease	1
Huntington disease	1
Marchiafava-Bignami disease	1
Superficial siderosis	1
CJD = Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease; NOS = not otherwise specified.	

**3 ALSP Cases
1.3%**

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION

Multiple Sclerosis With Predominant, Severe Cognitive Impairment**

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Misdiagnosis of ALSP

Misdiagnosis highlights importance of early genetic testing and increased disease awareness

- Rate of initial misdiagnosis significant in ALSP
- Accurate initial diagnosis is observed in only 31.5% of ALSP patients
- Misdiagnosis involved broad spectrum of neurodegenerative, neuroimmune and vascular disorders
- Clinics of initial consultation include dementia, psychiatry, leukodystrophy, multiple sclerosis and movement disorders clinics

Initial Misdiagnosis in ALSP	
Initial Diagnosis	Number of Patients (Percent)
CSF1R-ALSP	92 (31.5%)
Alzheimer's Disease/ Frontotemporal Dementia	47 (16.1%)
Multiple Sclerosis	23 (7.9%)
Adult-Onset Leukodystrophy	20 (6.8%)
Familial Leukoencephalopathy	20 (6.8%)
Vascular Disease	10 (3.4%)
Other	8 (2.7%)
Missing	72 (24.7%)

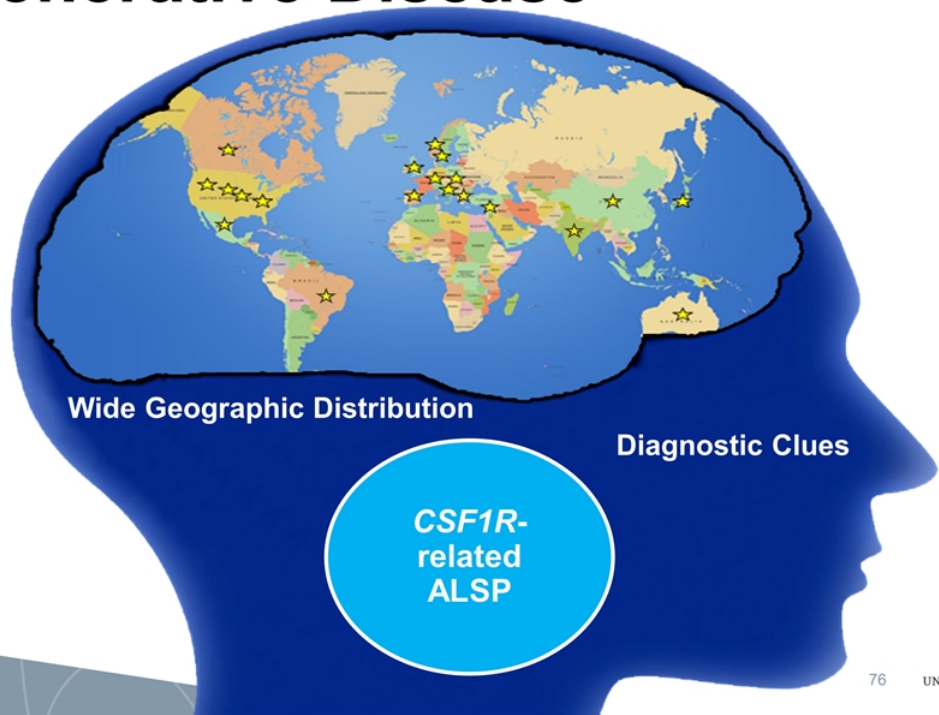
How Can We Improve ALSP Diagnosis

- Definitive diagnosis through genetic testing for *CSF1R* mutations
- Need to increase awareness of ALSP to drive earlier referrals of potential patients for definitive genetic testing

Overall Conclusion on ALSP

- ✓ Distinct disease entity
- ✓ Divergent clinical courses
- ✓ Initial symptoms
- ✓ Later symptoms
- ✓ *CSF1R* gene mutation
- ✓ MRI – pattern recognition
- ✓ Advanced neuroimaging
- ✓ Primary neuroaxonal degeneration
- ✓ Misdiagnosed disease

ALSP: Devastating Adult-onset Neurodegenerative Disease



The Swedish ALSP Research Team:



THANK YOU



ALSP Treatment and Unmet Medical Need

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Current ALSP Treatment Options

- No approved therapies for ALSP
- Most off-label treatments focus on symptom alleviation
 - Minimal to modest QoL improvements
 - No effect on underlying disease process or progression
- Hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) has been provided as a treatment option by very few institutions
 - HSCT is a treatment for certain leukodystrophies including ALD, MLD and Krabbe disease
 - HSCT serves to attenuate (or halt) progression through an unclear mechanism
- Limited information is available on treatment outcome of HSCT in ALSP
 - Clinical benefit and patient suitability unclear
 - Significant morbidity and mortality risks

HSCT Case Report in ALS – Patient 1

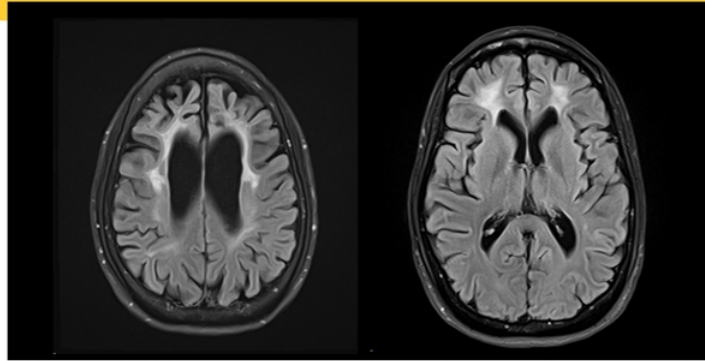
- 44 year-old female
- *CSF1R* mutation: Q642X
- Memory problems, disinhibition, “early onset dementia”
- Noted on exam: patient showed intermittent tongue and lip movements, resembling tics
- MRI showed confluent, frontal-predominant white matter T2 hyperintensities
- Other past medical information:
 - History of deep vein thrombosis (DVTs)
 - Heterozygous for factor V Leiden, and mutations in prothrombin (PT) gene and methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase (MTHFR) genes
 - Genes involved in blood clotting

Patient 1: Post-HSCT Complications with Cognitive Worsening

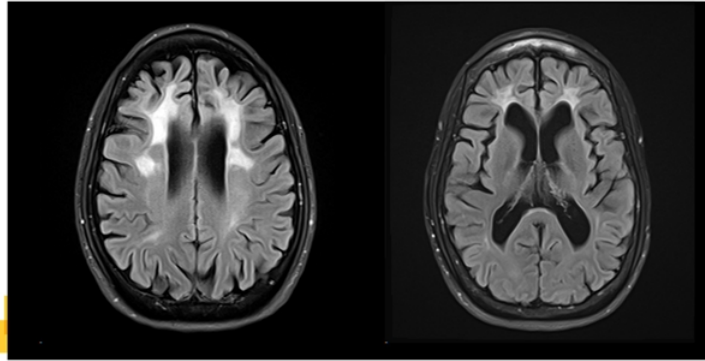
- Unrelated donor (URD) marrow (HLA match = 12/12)
- Transplant related morbidity (TRM): mild gastrointestinal graft-vs-host disease (GvHD) and cystitis
 - Potential GCSF neurologic exacerbations?
- Through 27 months post HSCT:
 - Went to transition care unit for aggressive rehab and nutrition
 - Worsening of cognitive deficits without motor or sensory abnormalities
 - Score of 11/38 on the Short Test of Mental Status (STMS)
- Subsequent radiological assessments showed stabilization of MRI Sundal Severity Scale (SSS) on MRI with stable white matter subscores, but incremental worsening of atrophy subscores
- Some substantial improvements in behavior and recovery with physical/ occupational therapy (PT/OT)
- Said to have “good” QoL

Patient 1 MRI: Post-HSCT White Matter Lesion and Ventricular Increase

PRE
HSCT



3 Years
Post HSCT



HSCT Case Report in ALS – Patient 2

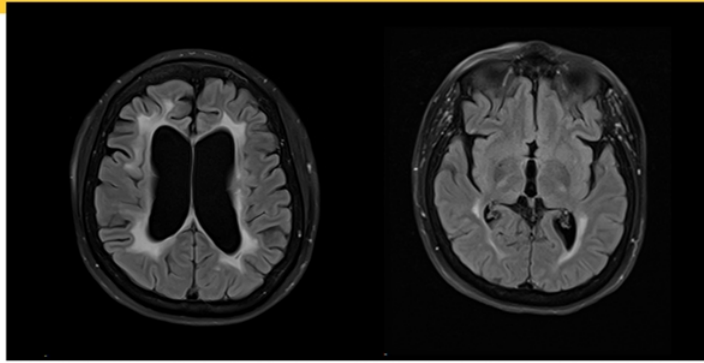
- 46 year-old female
- *CSF1R* mutation: W893R
- With rapidly progressively gait deterioration over a 4-month period, resulting in loss of employment
- Neurological examination showed global hyperreflexia, parkinsonism, and gait impairment requiring a wheelchair
- Neuropsychological evaluation showed impairment of visually mediated processing, executive functioning, cognitive speed, nonverbal learning, and psychomotor speed

Patient 2: Post-HSCT Stabilization; Still Dependent on Care

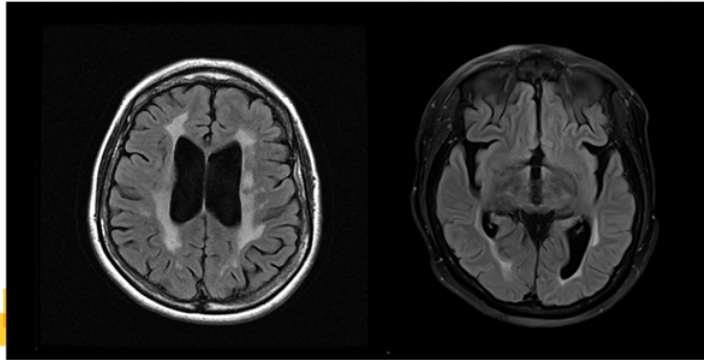
- Received matched sibling bone marrow
- Neuropsychological evaluation 4 months post-HSCT showed declines in some aspects of attention, executive function, and processing speed but with improvements in verbally mediated tasks, including naming and fluency
- Neurological examination at 9 months post-HSCT was unchanged from pre-HSCT exam
- Patient successfully resumed her role in managing family's finances
- At 2 years post-HSCT, patient walking 1-2 miles per day, dressing herself, makes breakfast

Patient 2: Post-HSCT MRI Stabilization

PRE
HSCT



2 Years
Post HSCT



HSCT Case Report in ALSP – Patient 3

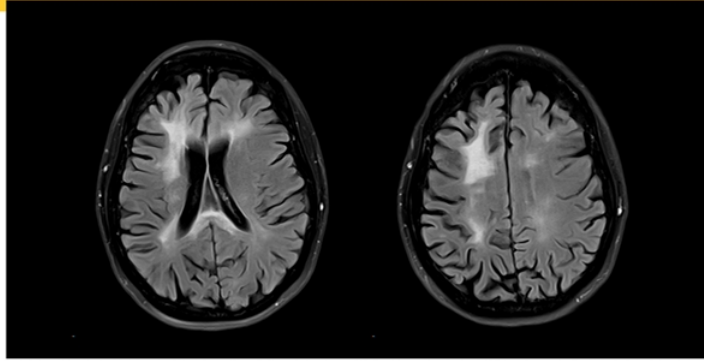
- 44 year-old female
- *CSF1R* mutation: p.R782H
- 2 years of progressive personality changes resulting in employment termination
- Associated with memory decline, perseveration, spelling difficulties, and falls
- Also, patient was losing objects and having difficulty clothing herself
- An acute episode of language disturbance resulted in a hospital evaluation including a brain MRI
- Anxiety and irritability were also increasing
- Scored 27/38 on the STMS

Patient 3: Post-HSCT Neurological Decline

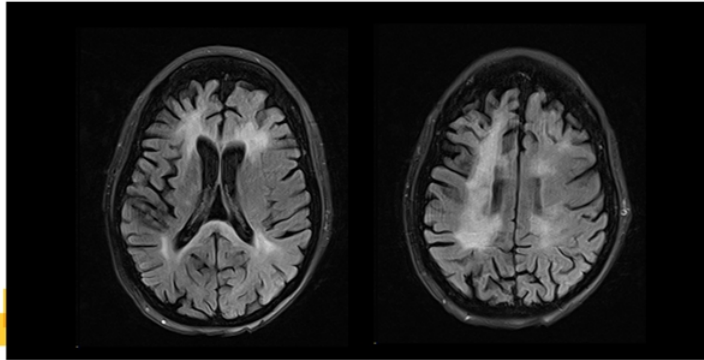
- Received matched sibling bone marrow
- Post-HSCT complications: GvHD of the gut, acute kidney injury, *strep mitis* of the blood, pulseless electrical activity (cardiac arrest)
 - Patient was resuscitated and extubated but quickly deteriorated from a neurological standpoint
- Day 81 post-HSCT – brain MRI showed an SSS of 25 without evidence of stroke or severe hypoxic injury
- Given the patient's substantial neurological deterioration, her family transitioned her to comfort care, and she died on Day 88 post-HSCT

Patient 3: Post-HSCT White Matter Lesion Increase

PRE
HSCT



2 Months
Post HSCT



HSCT Case Report in ALSP – Patient 4

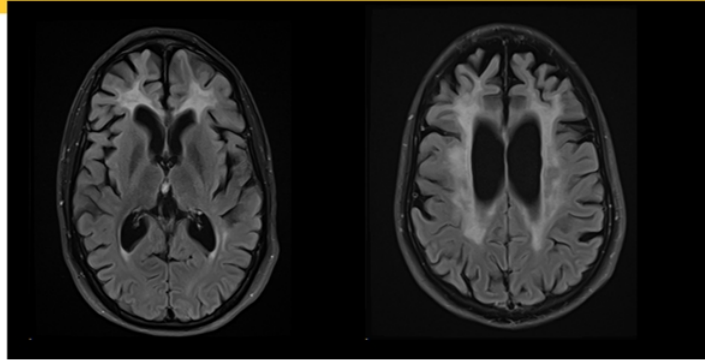
- 41 year-old male
- *CSF1R* mutation: NM_005211.3; c.2381T>C (p.Ile794Thr)
- 1-2 years with some lower leg weakness, some memory problems, and losing track of conversation
 - His wife filled in many of the gaps and answered many of the questions
- 1-2 years of depression and anxiety
 - He was losing his temper easily
- T2 signal changes in the frontotemporal lobe

Patient 4: Post-HSCT Mobility Gain but Has Cognitive Decline

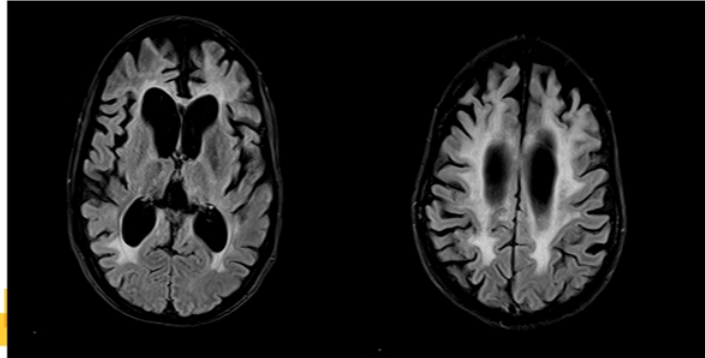
- 8/8 URD, 100% engrafted
- Complications include pseudomonas pneumonia, *Burkholderia* infection, sinusitis, weight loss requiring G-tube, possible idiopathic pneumonia syndrome (IPS)
- Progressive dementia
- Became very weak and lost a lot of physical conditioning
- After 1-year post-HSCT, patient regained weight with continued gains in mobility
- Had to move to a care facility for part-time to full care

Patient 4: Post-HSCT White Matter Lesion Increase and Atrophy

PRE
HSCT



10 M
Post HSCT



Case Reports from Limited HSCT in ALSP

- These case reports represent a broad spectrum of post-HSCT outcomes on clinical measures and MRI, and show that:
 - HSCT appears to have variable impact on ALSP which is yet to be fully characterized
 - Risks of HSCT come from being an adult and possibly poor mobility
 - Post-HSCT disease progression can be terrible and require full-time (permanent) care of the adult patient
- HSCT timing can be critical
 - HSCT performed “too late” is very problematic – earlier would be better and allow for improved outcomes

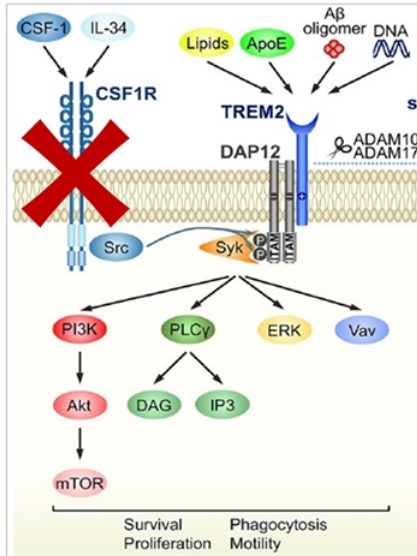
High Unmet Need for ALSP Disease Modifying Treatments

No Approved Treatments for ALSP

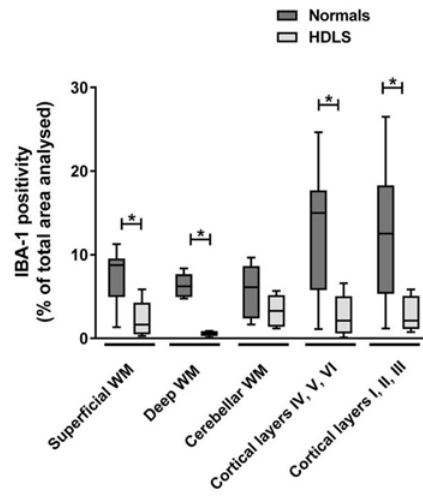
- Symptomatic treatments provide transient and limited benefit to ALSP patients
- Allogeneic HSCT:
 - Limited experience with HSCT
 - Case reports show mixed outcomes
 - HSCT in ALSP is associated with significant morbidity and mortality
 - Main risks of HSCT come from being an adult and possibility poor mobility status
 - Progression after HSCT can be unfavorable and require full-time (permanent) care of the adult patient

Safe and efficacious treatments with patient-friendly administrations which modify underlying disease biology needed

CSF1R Mutations Lead to Microglia Loss & Dysfunction in ALSP



Quantification of Microglia in Brain Regions

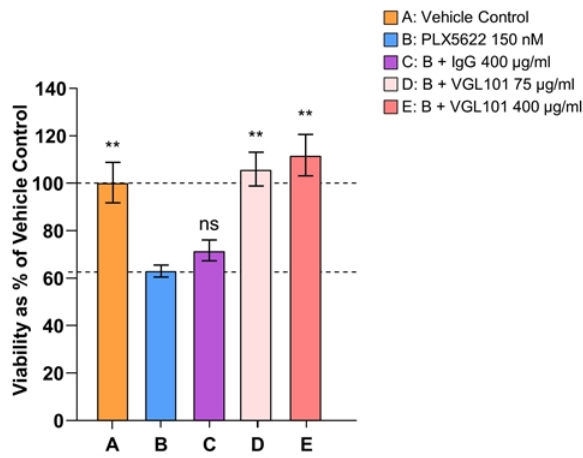


1. HDLS: hereditary diffuse leukoencephalopathy with spheroids – previously used to describe ALSP; WM: white matter; * $p < 0.05$

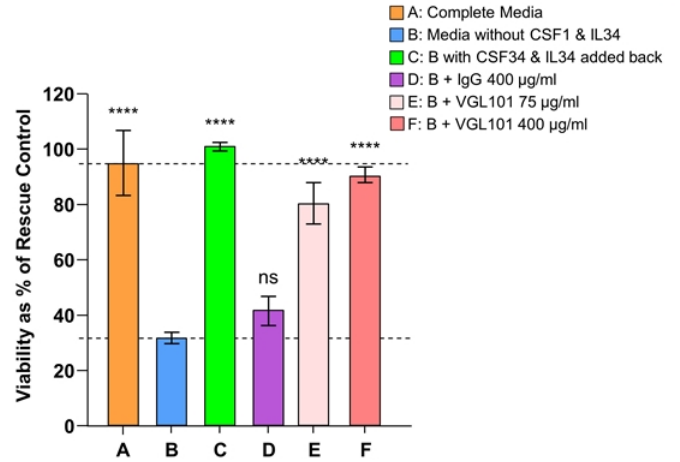
VGL101 Rescued Microglial Viability under CSF1R Deficiency

CSF1R Deficiency in iMGL Caused by PLX5622 Inhibition or CSF1/IL34 Withdrawal

Inhibition by PLX5622 & Rescue by VGL101



CSF1/IL34 Withdrawal & Rescue by VGL101

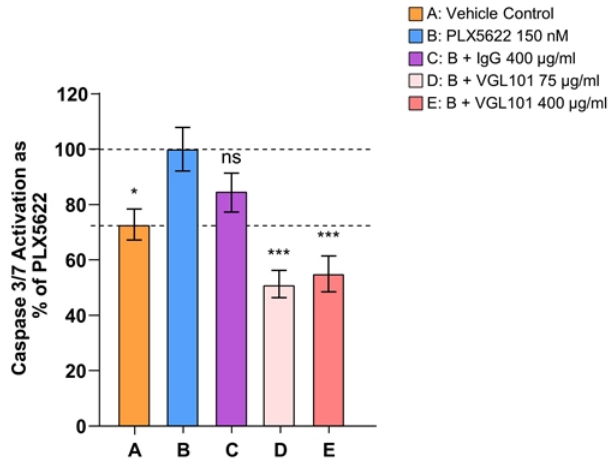


iMGL: human Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSC) derived microglia; PLX5622 – known small molecule inhibitor of CSF1R; P-values are as determined by Ordinary One-Way ANOVA with Multiple Comparisons: ns: not statistically significant; ** $p < 0.005$; **** $p < 0.00005$

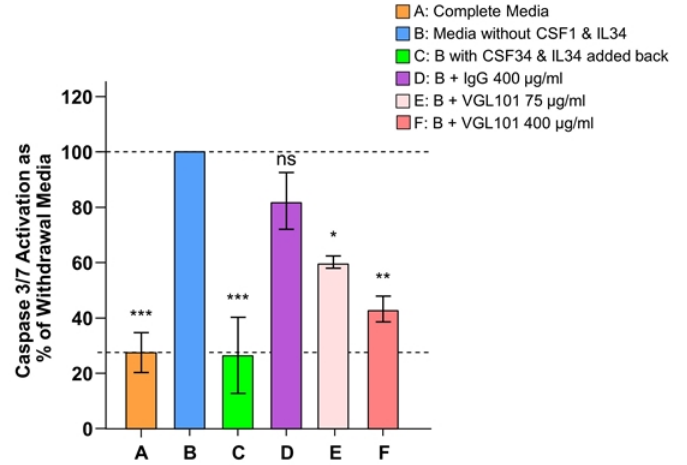
VGL101 Reduced Microglial Apoptosis under CSF1R Deficiency

CSF1R Deficiency in iMGL Caused by PLX5622 Inhibition or CSF1/IL34 Withdrawal

Inhibition by PLX5622 & Rescue by VGL101



CSF1/IL34 Withdrawal & Rescue by VGL101

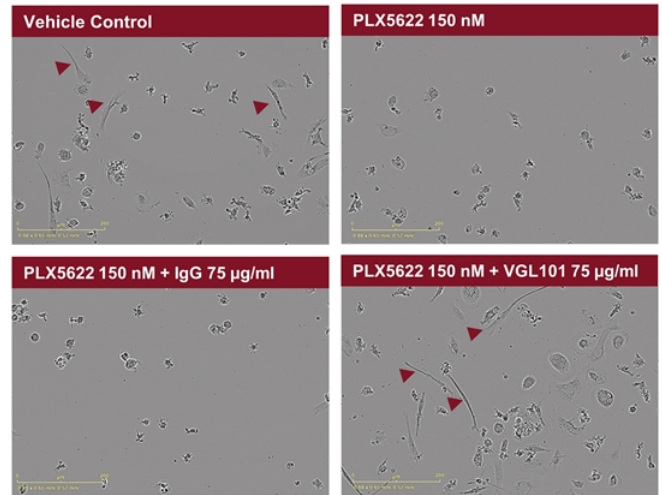
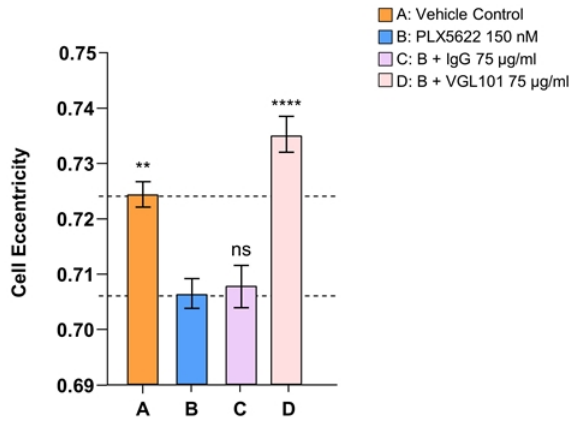


iMGL: human Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSC) derived microglia; PLX5622 – known small molecule inhibitor of CSF1R; P-values are as determined by Ordinary One-Way ANOVA with Multiple Comparisons: ns: not statistically significant, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.005$, *** $p < 0.0005$

VGL101 Restored Microglial Morphology under CSF1R Deficiency

CSF1R Deficiency in iMGL Caused by PLX5622 Inhibition

Inhibition by PLX5622 & Rescue by VGL101



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Cell Eccentricity – degree of cellular processes emanating from longitudinally imaged human microglia, quantified by optical loss of eccentricity using a commercially available analytical software (Incucyte Live-Cell®)

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VGL101 as Potential Disease Modifying Therapy for ALS via TREM2 Agonism

- VGL101 demonstrated ability to restore microglia numbers and function in human microglia cultures (Larson *et al.* Keystone Symposium 2022)
- Represents a potential disease modifying therapeutic for ALS with monthly IV administration
- Clinical trials are needed to show proof-of-concept, safety/tolerability and efficacy in ALS patients
- If VGL101 shows a compelling clinical profile and is approved, it may be considered as a first-line treatment for ALS

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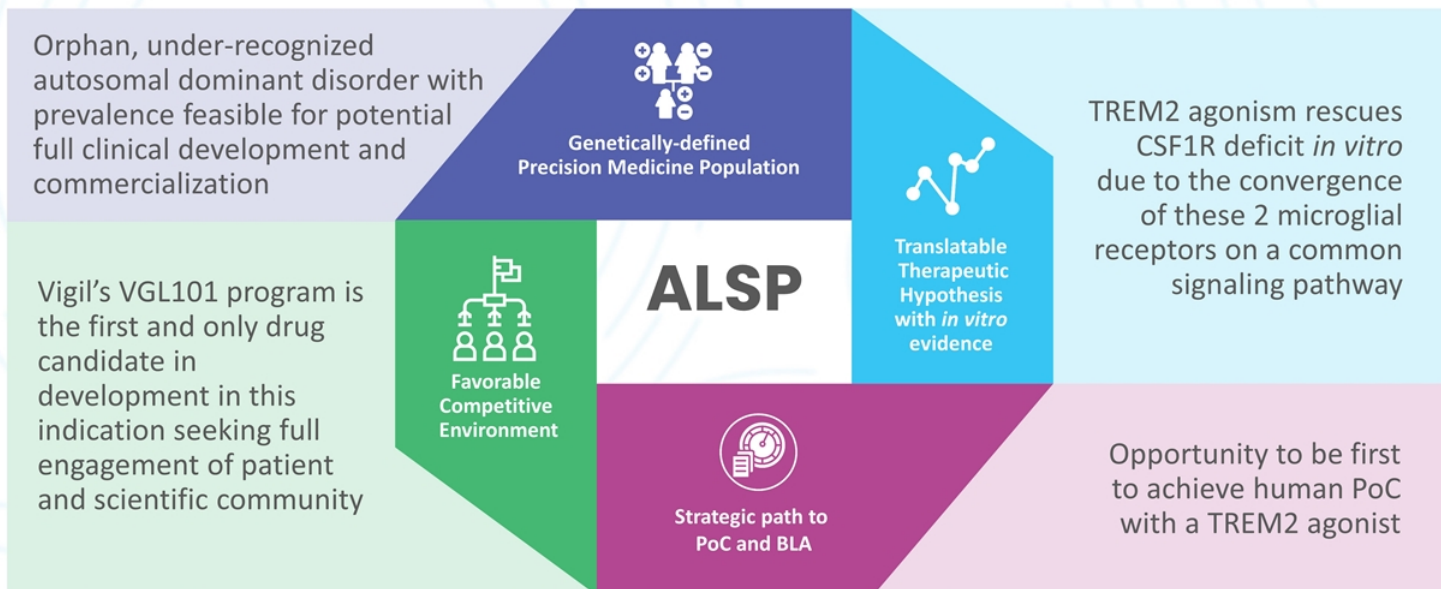
ILLUMINATE Natural History Study in ALSP

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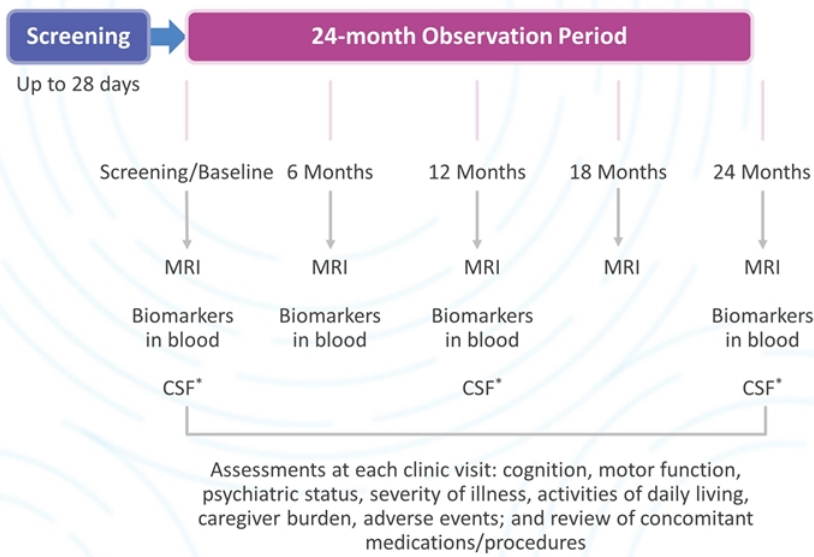
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Compelling Rationale for ALSP as Initial Indication for VGL101



ALSP Natural History Study Design



* - Optional sub-study

The Illuminate Study

- Natural history study of ALSP patients with *CSF1R* gene mutation
- Sample size up to 36 subjects (global)
- Objectives:
 - Characterize biomarkers & clinical measures of disease progression in ALSP
 - Possibility for contemporaneous external comparator arm
- Observation period: 24 months
- Key assessments:
 - MRI at baseline & every 6 months
 - CSF biomarkers at baseline, 12- & 24-months
 - Clinical assessments at baseline & every 6 months

ALSP Natural History Study – Current Status

- **Study Timeline:** first patient enrolled in Q3 2021

- Enrollment ongoing in US and ex-US

- **Current Locations:**

- US: Jacksonville, FL; Boca Raton, FL; San Francisco, CA; Englewood, CO
- Canada: London, Ontario
- Germany: Leipzig; Tübingen
- Netherlands: Amsterdam
- UK: London



Natural History Study – Interim Dataset

- Interim data includes participants enrolled as of October 1, 2022
- 29 participants enrolled at 6 sites comprising
 - 18 symptomatic and 11 prodromal* participants

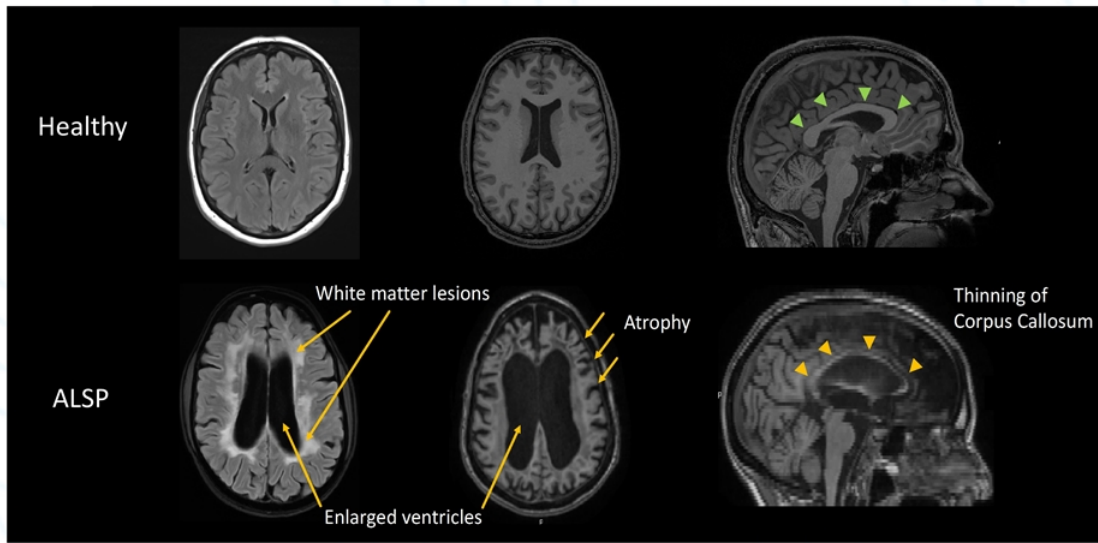
Baseline Demography				
Clinical stage	N	Age (years; mean \pm sd)	Gender (% Female / % Male)	MoCA (mean \pm sd)
Prodromal	11	46.3 \pm 17.8	54.5% / 45.5%	27.6 \pm 1.7
Symptomatic	18	46.5 \pm 9.7	44.4% / 56.6%	20.3 \pm 6.4

- 18 participants completed 6-month MRI visit
 - 9 symptomatic and 9 prodromal participants

105 *Prodromal – participants with confirmed *CSF1R* mutation and MRI findings; MoCa: Montreal Cognitive Assessment

Quantifying MRI Features of ALSP

Brain Atrophy and White Matter Lesions Are Key Radiological Features of ALSP

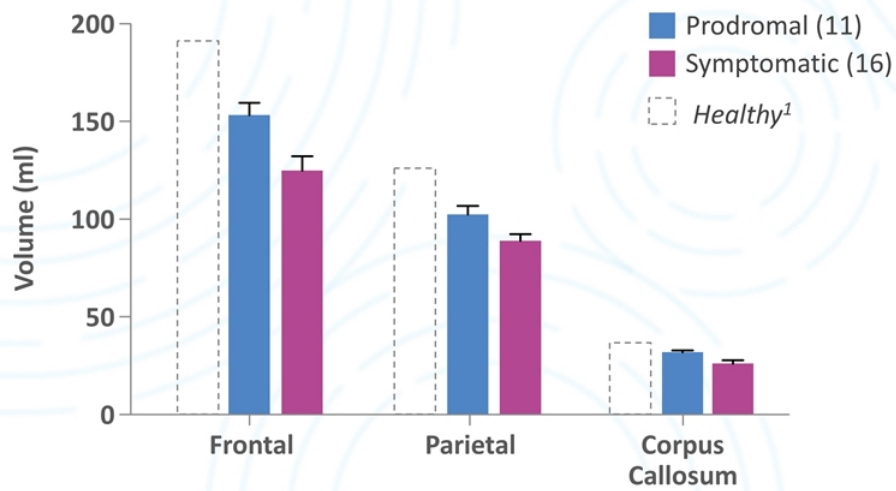


Disease Burden on MRI Was Assessed by Quantitative MRI Measures of Brain Region Volume

Greater Baseline Disease Burden for Symptomatic vs Prodromal Participants

Baseline volumetric MRI findings

Greater Disease Burden Associated with Lower Brain Tissue Volume



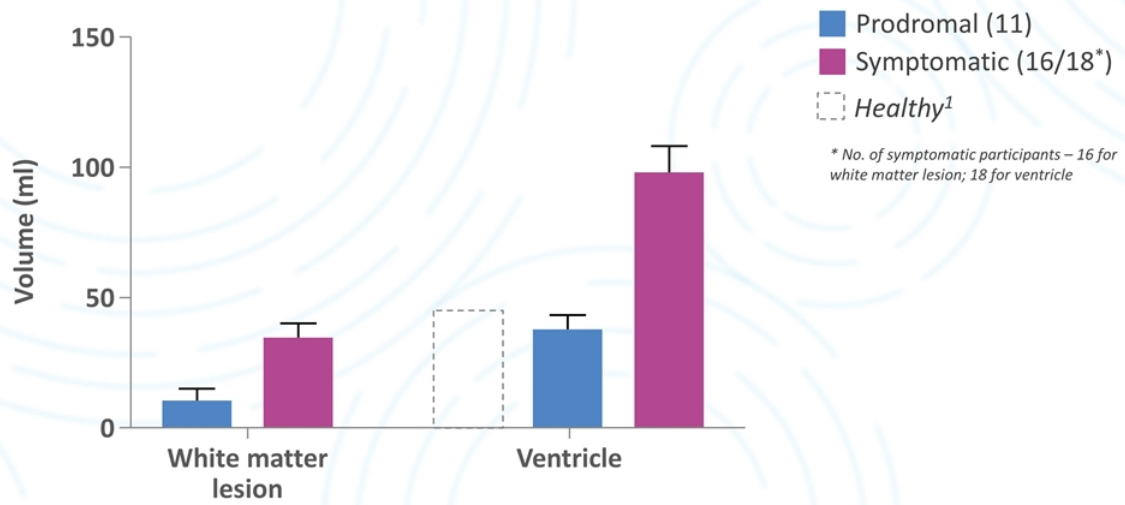
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Greater Baseline Disease Burden for Symptomatic vs Prodromal Participants

Baseline volumetric MRI findings

Greater Disease Burden Associated with Higher Lesion and Ventricle Volume

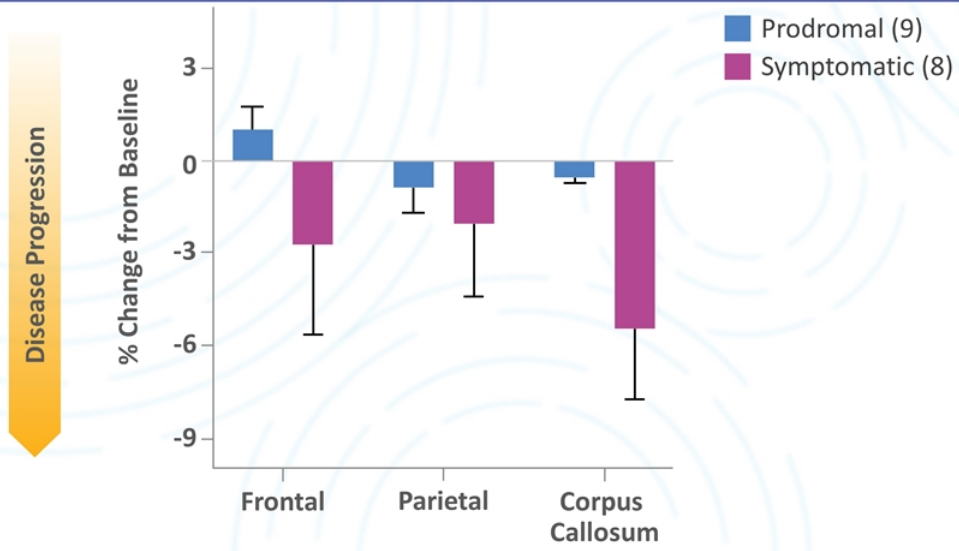


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Greater Disease Progression for Symptomatic vs Prodromal Participants at 6 Months

6-month volumetric MRI findings

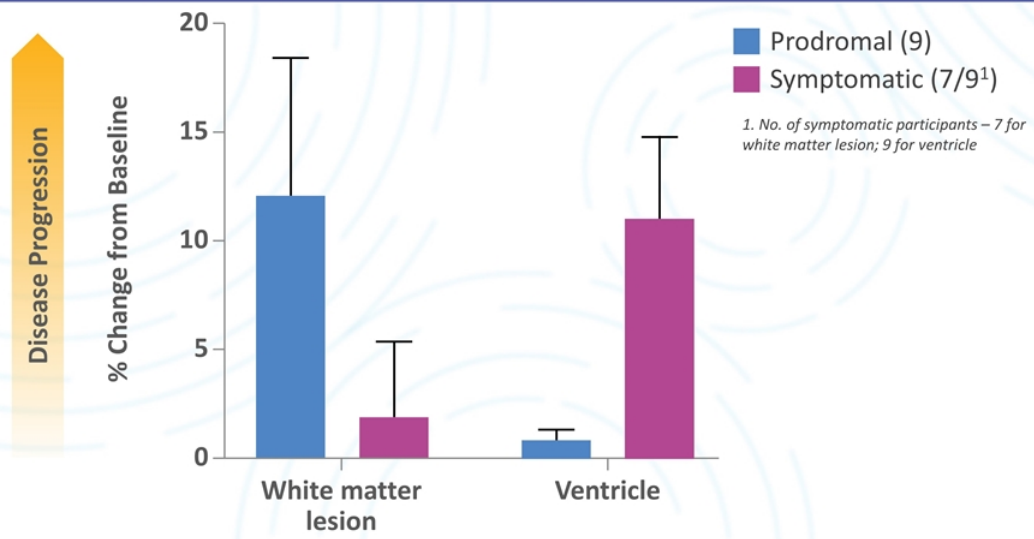
Greater Disease Progression Based on Greater Reductions in Brain Tissue Volume



Greater Disease Progression for Symptomatic vs Prodromal Participants at 6 Months

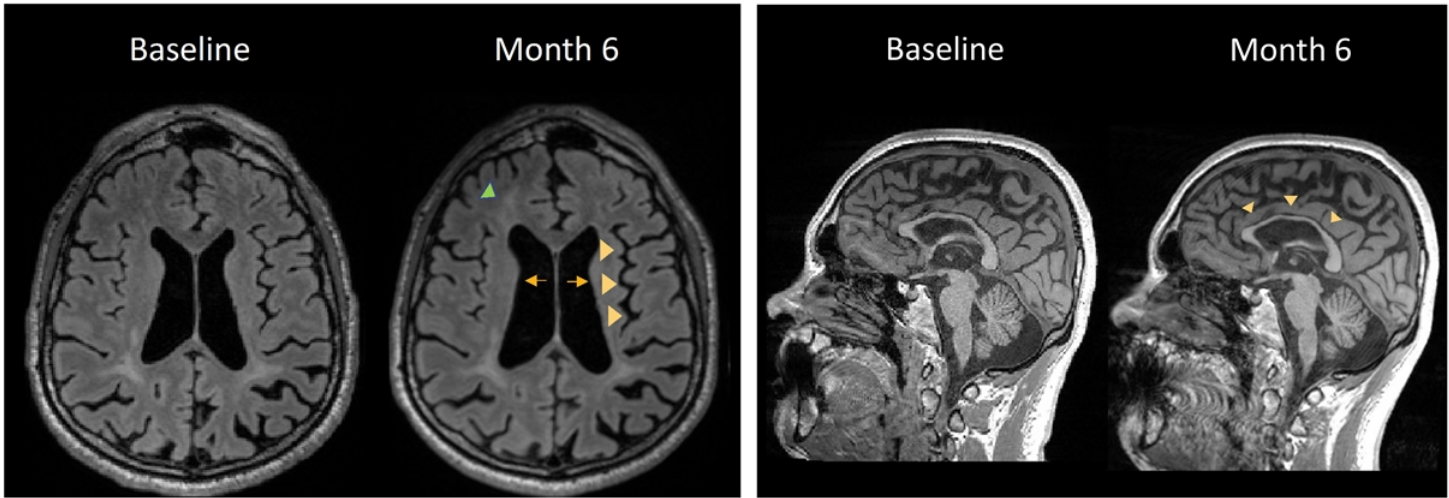
6-month volumetric MRI findings

Greater Disease Progression Based on Greater Increases Lesion and Ventricular Volume



Radiographic Progression Measurable at Month 6

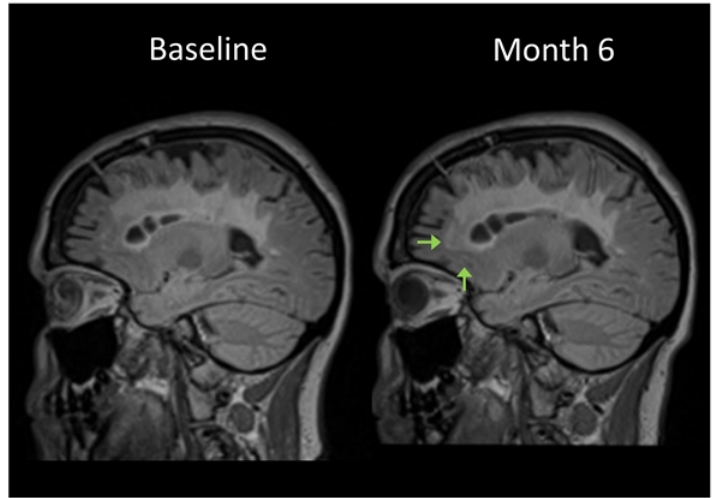
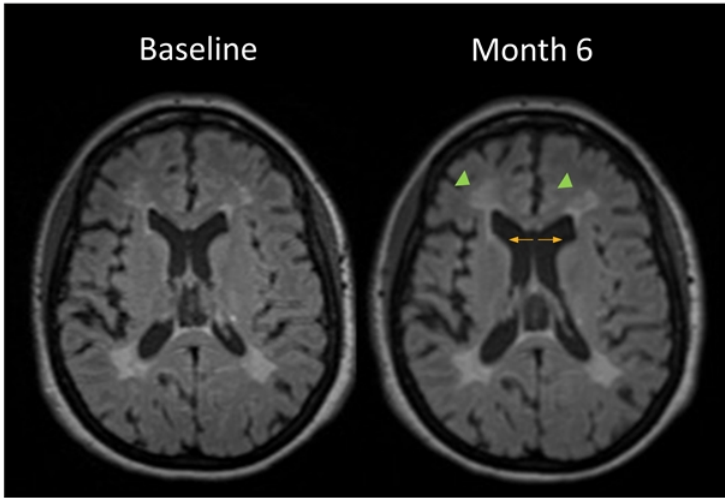
Case Example #1: 31 year | Male | *CSF1R* mutation | Symptomatic ALSP | MoCA at Baseline / 6 month: 15 / 12



- ▶ Increased white matter lesion
- ▶ Increased atrophy
- ▶ Increased ventricular volume

Radiographic Progression Measurable at Month 6

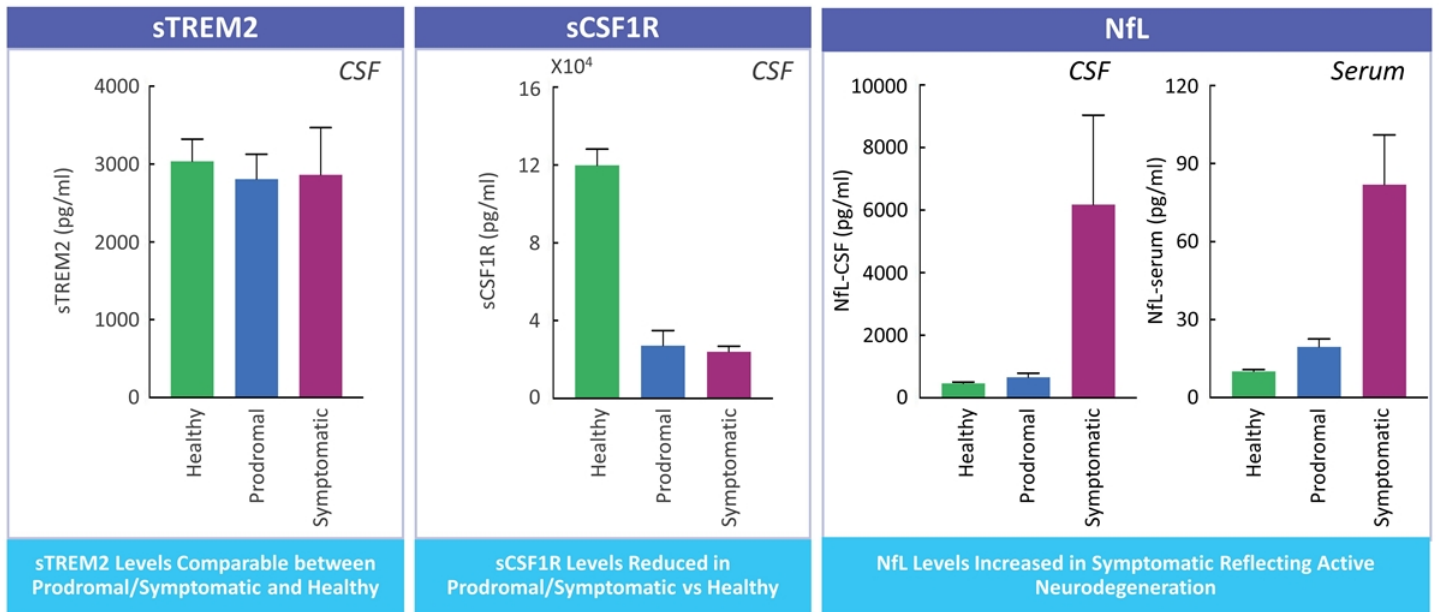
Case Example #2: 37 year | Female | CSF1R mutation | Symptomatic ALSP | MoCA at baseline / 6 month: 15 / 9



- ▶ Increased white matter lesion
- Increased ventricular volume

- Increased white matter lesion

Fluid Biomarker Baseline Levels Altered in ALSP Individuals




113 Healthy: healthy volunteers from Vigil's VGL101 Phase 1 trial; Prodromal: participants with confirmed CSF1R mutation and MRI findings in Vigil's Natural History Study; Symptomatic: subjects with CSF1R mutations and ALSP symptoms in Vigil's Natural History Study; no. of samples for all CSF analyses: 25 (Healthy); 3 (Prodromal); 6 (Symptomatic); No. of samples for serum analysis: 67 (Healthy); 10 (Prodromal); 11 (Symptomatic); all biomarker values are in mean ± standard error of mean (SEM)



Emerging ILLUMINATE Data Support IGNITE Design

- Symptomatic ALSP patients exhibit greater baseline disease burden based on MRI vs healthy and prodromal individuals
 - Lower brain volume
 - Greater white matter lesion and ventricular volumes
- Measurable MRI changes observed at 6 months indicating disease progression in symptomatic ALSP patients
 - Reduction in brain volume
 - Increase in white matter lesion and ventricular volumes
- Symptomatic ALSP patients also exhibit significantly higher NfL levels at baseline vs healthy and prodromal individuals
- Emerging 6-month data from ongoing ILLUMINATE NHS support the rationale of IGNITE Phase 2 secondary measures of MRI and NfL as imaging & fluid biomarkers for efficacy



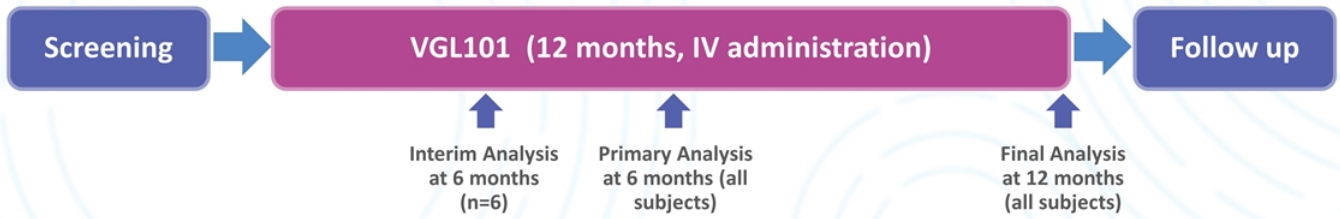
VGL101 IGNITE Phase 2 Design & Objectives

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VGL101 ALSP Phase 2 Open-label Proof-of-Concept Trial Design



Study Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients with symptomatic ALSP related to <i>CSF1R</i> gene mutation
Study Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open-label, up to 15 patients
Treatment Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 months (with opportunity for further extension), monthly IV administration
Outcome Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety and tolerability of VGL101 MRI-based assessment of white matter lesions CSF biomarkers for target engagement and neurodegeneration Clinical outcome measures and PK

VGL101 ALSP Phase 2 Patient Population

Key Clinical Inclusion Criteria

- Documentation of a *CSF1R* gene mutation
- Clinical symptoms consistent with ALSP
- MRI findings consistent with ALSP
- Mild and early-moderate stages defined by cognitive and ambulation status

Key Clinical Exclusion Criteria

- Any neurological disease that poses a risk to the participant or produces symptoms like ALSP
- Patients unable to complete study procedures
- Comorbidities not permitting safe study participation

VGL101 ALSP Phase 2 Objectives & Outcomes

Primary Outcome	To evaluate safety & tolerability of VGL101 in ALSP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nature and frequency of AEs, discontinuations due to AEs ▪ Safety lab tests, vital sign measurements, ECG
Secondary Outcomes	To evaluate effects of VGL101 on imaging & biomarkers of neurodegeneration & target engagement in ALSP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Changes from baseline in volumetric MRI measures, MRI ALSP severity score, NfL level in CSF and blood, and sCSF1R level in CSF
Exploratory Outcomes	To evaluate clinical efficacy & PK of VGL101 in ALSP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Change from baseline in clinical outcome measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cognitive Assessments including MoCA, CDR®+NACC-FTLD ▪ Motor Assessments including 2 Minute Walk Test, Timed Up & Go Test ▪ Functional, psychiatric, and patient- and caregiver-reported assessments ▪ Serum and CSF concentrations of VGL101

Primary analysis conducted after 6 months treatment period; additional analysis of outcome measures after 12 months

AE: adverse event; ECG: electrocardiogram; MRI: magnetic resonance imaging; NfL: Neurofilament Light Chain Protein; sCSF1R: soluble colony-stimulating factor 1 receptor; CSF: cerebrospinal fluid; MoCa: Montreal Cognitive Assessment; CDR®+NACC-FTLD: Clinical Dementia Rating (CDR®) for evaluation of patients with frontotemporal lobar degeneration

A photograph of a man and a child walking through a field of tall grass under a cloudy sky. The man is on the right, wearing a plaid shirt and dark pants, holding the child's hand. The child is on the left, wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants, wearing a hat with a star on it. The image is overlaid with two large, semi-transparent blue circles.

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Closing Remarks

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Unmet Need & Clinical Trial Readiness Support Development of VGL101 in ALS

- ALS is a rare devastating, progressive and fatal microgliopathy that is significantly under-recognized
 - Significant portion of patients initially misdiagnosed with other neurodegenerative diseases
- Advances in MRI and genetic testing can enable correct diagnosis
- Increasing disease awareness amongst physicians and patients is key in driving correct diagnosis early
- ALS has high unmet medical need
 - Current off-label symptomatic treatments have no impact on underlying disease biology
 - HSCT remains experimental with unclear effects on ALS patients and significant morbidity/mortality

Unmet Need & Clinical Trial Readiness Support Development of VGL101 in ALSP

- VGL101 represents a potential disease modifying therapeutic for ALSP
 - Phase 1 data in healthy volunteers support entry into Phase 2 proof-of-concept trial in ALSP patients
- Emerging ILLUMINATE NHS data support exploring imaging and fluid biomarkers on efficacy in Phase 2 IGNITE trial for VGL101
- Vigil continues to actively partner and engage with the ALSP community to drive disease awareness among physicians, patients and caregivers

2022–2023 Anticipated Milestones

Announce topline data for Phase 1 clinical trial with VGL101 in healthy volunteers* **Q4 2022**

Initiate Phase 2 clinical trial with VGL101 in ALSP **Q4 2022**

Establish Phase 2 proof of concept in ALSP **2023**

Submit IND and initiate clinical development for small molecule TREM2 agonist **2023**

Vigil is Well-positioned to Execute on Our Mission

Microglial biology is rapidly becoming a new frontier for CNS drug discovery

TREM2 deficiency leads to microglial dysfunction and drives neurodegeneration

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